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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

GEORGE COPELAND,	Term expires 1898.
HENRY W. HEATH,	" " 1900.
EVERETT E. POOL,	" " 1899.

School Committee.

ROBERT T. CONROY,	Term expires 1898.
LINCOLN S. DRAKE,	" " 1899.
WILLIAM H. AMES,	" " 1900.

Road Commissioners.

THOMAS F. LADD,	Term expires 1898.
JOHN J. McCARTHY,	" " 1899.
JOHN O. DEAN,	" " 1900.

Board of Health.

JOHN J. McCARTHY,	Term expires 1898.
JOHN McFARLAND,	" " 1899.
GEORGE C. BELCHER,	" " 1900.

Constables.

THOMAS DOWNEY, SAMUEL M. RENNIE,
TIMOTHY J. LUCEY, AMOS G. PRATT,
GEORGE F. RICE.

Fence Viewers.

EDWARD B. HAYWARD, THOMAS B. KEITH,
FRANK P. KEITH.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

WILLARD K. GOWARD, THOMAS R. MARSHALL,
ABBOTT L. DRAKE, WALTER WELCH.

Surveyors of Plank and Timber.

THOMAS E. WILLIAMS, THOMAS R. MARSHALL,
EDWARD R. HAYWARD, EDWARD F. MANNING.

Auditors of Accounts.

GEORGE W. KENNEDY, WILLIAM J. TWOHIG.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES D. REED.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

The following report of the financial condition of the town is respectfully submitted:—

VALUATION AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1897.

Value of real estate,	$1,915,353
" " personal estate,	2,612,251
Total valuation of assessed estate,	$4,527,604
Decrease of personal estate,	$119,403
Increase of real estate,	32,561
Total decrease,	$86,842

APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of poor,	$8,000 00
Repairs of roads and bridges,	6,000 00
Road tools,	400 00
Clearing roads of snow,	800 00
Town officers' bills,	2,000 00
Incidentals,	1,800 00
Discount on taxes,	3,000 00
Teachers' salaries,	13,000 00
Fuel for schools,	1,200 00
Care of schoolhouses,	1,350 00
School supplies and sundries,	1,500 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	1,000 00
Amount carried forward,	$40,050 00

Amount brought forward,	$40,050 00
School text books,	800 00
School furniture,	200 00
Evening school,	500 00
Conveyance of pupils,	1,600 00
Schoolhouse repairs District No. 7,	600 00
Memorial Day,	150 00
Relocation of Grove street,	300 00
" " Depot "	300 00
Lockup (North Easton)	2,000 00
	$46,500 00

ASSESSMENTS.

Teachers' salaries,	$13,000 00
Fuel for schools,	1,200 00
Care of schoolhouses,	1,350 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	1,000 00
School text books,	800 00
School furniture,	200 00
Evening school,	500 00
Conveyance of pupils,	1,600 00
Schoolhouse repairs District No. 7,	600 00
Support of poor,	8,000 00
Incidentals,	1,800 00
Discount on taxes,	3,000 00
State tax,	3,552 50
County tax,	6,206 05
School supplies and sundries,	1,500 00
Overlaying,	427 56
	$44,736 11

Rate of tax $9.30 per $1,000.
Poll tax $2.00.
Number of polls, 1,314.
" " dwellings, 979.
" " acres of land, 16,156.
" " horses, 572.
" " cows, 561.
" " swine, 132.
" " sheep, 35.
" " neat cattle other than cows, 98.
" " residents assessed on property, 908.
" " non-residents assessed on property, 228.
" " persons assessed on property, 1,136.
" " persons assessed for poll tax only, 671.

GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
EVERETT E. POOL,
Assessors of Easton.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1897.

18 tons English hay,	$324 00
6½ tons meadow hay,	58 50
1½ tons oats,	18 00
2 horses,	250 00
15 cows,	600 00
1 bull,	25 00
10 swine,	78 00
6 doves,	60
80 fowls,	40 00
5 bushels grain,	3 00
125 bushels corn,	56 25
60 bushels potatoes,	60 00
8 bushel small potatoes,	2 00
Cabbage,	1 00
225 bushels mangels,	67 50
75 bushels turnips,	26 25
2 bushels beans,	2 00
18 cider barrels,	9 50
65 flour barrels,	6 50
520 gallons vinegar,	65 00
13 tons coal,	84 50
Salt pork,	1 00
125 lbs. dried apples,	12 50
Preserves,	8 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,799 10

Amount brought forward,	$1,799 10
Meat,	1 00
Groceries,	100 05
2 mowing machines,	45 00
1 hay tedder,	15 00
1 horse rake,	20 00
Horse power,	40 00
Circular saw and frame,	30 00
2 express wagons,	80 00
1 farm wagon,	40 00
1 horse cart,	40 00
1 2-horse cart,	40 00
1 ox wagon,	25 00
1 pung,	5 00
1 2-horse wagon,	45 00
1 open buggy,	15 00
6 ploughs,	35 00
1 cultivator,	5 00
1 hay rack,	13 50
1 grindstone,	5 00
4 harrows,	40 00
1 weeder,	13 00
Bob sleds,	12 00
1 horse fork,	9 00
Wheel hoe,	1 75
1 lawn mower,	3 00
1 drag,	3 00
Drag plank,	40
2 carriage jacks,	2 00
2 wheelbarrows,	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$2,487 80

	Amount brought forward,	$2,487 80
2	ox yokes,	10 00
1	iron scraper,	5 00
1	seed sower,	7 50
1	bench vice,	2 50
1	saw clamp,	95
1	saw set,	75
	Harnesses, blankets, etc.,	56 55
	Other farming tools,	69 55
2	pair ice tongs,	1 75
	Ice chisels,	50
	Ice saw,	3 00
12	rubber buckets,	6 00
12	fire grenades,	10 00
3	fire extinguishers,	37 50
	Scales, balances and steelyards,	6 00
4	lanterns,	2 00
2	step ladders,	2 00
7	long ladders,	20 00
	Steam heater,	300 00
	Lumber,	65 24
	Beds and bedding,	294 40
	Household furniture,	302 50
	Table linen and towels,	8 20
	Wooden ware,	39 50
	Tin ware,	34 23
	Iron ware,	13 80
	Stone ware,	6 50
	Crockery and glass ware,	35 79
	Knives, forks and spoons,	12 90
		$3,842 41

RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Milk sold,	$1,084 57
Eggs "	50 57
Vegetables sold,	105 79
Wood "	235 00
Stock "	210 88
Fowls "	26 37
Hay "	123 15
Box logs "	302 75
Strawberries "	26 75
Butter "	5 70
Vinegar "	6 84
Labor,	99 52
Board,	69 40
Keeping prisoners,	51 00
Sundries,	8 08
Hay stock, etc., on hand Dec. 31st, 1897,	3,842 41
	$6,248 78

EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Groceries,	249 70
Flour,	70 70
Grain,	447 62
Meat,	120 60
Fish,	53 08
Crackers,	53 49
Clothing and bedding,	102 17
Boots and shoes,	36 37
Household utensils,	29 87
Amount carried forward,	$1,263 60

Amount brought forward,	$1,263 60
Blacksmithing,	56 37
Farming tools,	205 10
Stock,	265 85
Coal,	119 73
Seed,	26 14
Labor,	453 76
Repairs,	221 07
Medicine,	25 48
Soap,	18 60
Oil,	16 97
Fertilizer,	40 15
Tobacco,	15 90
Salt,	4 10
Fowls,	24 59
Lime and cement,	2 36
Wood on stump,	230 00
Sundries,	16 42
Warden's salary,	450 00
Hay stock, etc., on hand Dec. 31st, 1896,	3,666 63
	$7,022 82
Expenditures at Almshouse,	7,022 82
Receipts at Almshouse,	6,248 78
Balance against Almshouse,	$774 04

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
C. F. Williams,	64 years	52
Elsie French,	52 "	52
Charles M. Randall,	65 "	52
Ada M. Randall,	44 "	52
Willard H. Godfrey,	52 "	52
Constantine Kerley,	68 "	52
Lizzie B. Foley,	72 "	47
John Foley,	35 "	6
William H. French,	21 "	52
Patrick O'Hanlon,	46 "	11
James D. Walker,	59 "	6
Maggie Cunningham,	12 "	10
Sarah Riley,	21 "	31
George Riley,	31 weeks	31
Whole number for the year,		14
Males,		9
Females,		5
Average number for the year,		$9\frac{38}{52}$
Discharged,		3
Now in Almshouse,		10
Average cost per week,		$1 53
Number of tramps,		479
Estimated cost of tramps,		$95 80

EXPENSE OF POOR OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,			
For John W. Marshall,		$169 46	
" Albert W. Phillips,		169 46	
" Carrie Jeppson,		169 46	
" David T. Newcomb,		98 64	
" Mary Ann Randall,		169 46	
" Nahum M. D. Hayward,		126 35	
" Frank E. Bailey,		169 46	
" Mary A. Connelly,		112 81	
" Lena Holmblad,		17 64	
			$1,202 74
Paid Worcester Insane Asylum,			
For Michael Coughlin,			169 46
Paid Westboro Insane Hospital,			
For Mary E. Ripley,			169 47
Paid Medfield Insane Asylum,			
For John P. O'Connell,			12 40
Paid Commonwealth "State Farm,"			
For Matthew H. Campion, 1896,	$36 80		
For Matthew H. Campion, 1897,	146 00		
		$182 80	
For John P. O. Connell, 1896,	$36 80		
For John P. O. Connell, 1897,	133 60		
		170 40	
			353 20
Amount carried forward,			$1,907 27

Amount brought forward,		$1,907 27
For Eben Eddy's children,		
Paid T. S. Bailey & Co.,	$4 40	
" Henry W. Heath,	2 50	
" George L. Kimball,	16 25	
		23 15
For Andrew J. Nilsson's family,		
Paid D. J. Dineen & Co.,	$78 00	
" Dennis Donohoe,	40 00	
" J. C. Goward,	6 50	
" Town Farm,	6 50	
		131 00
For August Sundling's family,		
Paid James F. Bradley,	$70 00	
" J. C. Goward,	6 50	
" Oliver Ames & Sons Corp.,	12 50	
		89 00
For William F. Randall,		
Paid Hiram F. French,	$3 00	
" Frank S. Howard,	14 50	
		17 50
For William F. Randall's family,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	$59 00	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	6 50	
" Henry W. Heath,	8 50	
		74 00
For David A. Phillips,		
Paid Estate of Lewis F. Phillips,	$32 00	
" George G. Withington & Co.,	1 50	
		33 50
Amount carried forward,		$2,275 32

Amount brought forward,		$2,275 32
For Norman E. Ellison's family,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	$16 75	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	10 75	
" Henry W. Heath,	1 50	
" George H. DeWitt,	8 00	
		37 00
For Frank Fountain,		
Paid A. M. Richmond,		36 00
For Henry D. White,		
Paid Nelson C. Dean, 1895,	$6 00	
" Jesse J. Swan, M. D., 1895,	2 50	
		8 50
For Elbridge G. Morse,		
Paid J. F. Murphy, 1896,	$1 75	
" E. C. Jenney, 1896,	3 00	
		4 75
For Mrs. Elbridge G. Morse,		
Paid A. B. Sladen,	$18 00	
" Town Farm,	29 25	
" L. K. Wilber,	3 00	
" George G. Withington & Co.,	50	
		50 75
For Bridget O'Connell,		
Paid J. T. Bradley,	$36 00	
" J. C. Goward,	13 74	
		49 74
For Mrs. Ann Rehill,		
Paid James F. Bradley,	$15 00	
" Peter F. Fleming,	3 50	
		18 50
Amount carried forward,		$2,480 56

Amount brought forward,		$2,480 56
For Mrs. Ann Downey,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	$10 12	
" D. J. Dineen & Co.,	112 00	
	———	122 12
For Mrs. Michael Cunningham,		
Paid John O. Dean & Co.,	$11 57	
" J. M. Howard & Son,	120 00	
	———	131 57
For John Sloane,		
Paid Coleman & Allen,	$60 00	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	46 00	
	———	106 00
For Fred Fowler's family,		
Paid F. S. Snow & Co.,		72 00
For Mrs. D. J. Buckley and family,		
Paid E. J. Morse Co., 1896,	$24 00	
" E. J. Morse Co., 1897,	83 47	
" John O. Dean & Co.,	20 00	
" L. K. Wilber,	4 50	
" H. Y. Mitchell,	149 50	
" Lucius Howard,	2 25	
" Town Farm,	2 50	
" Henry W. Heath,	45 35	
" Munroe F. Williams,	12 53	
" Charles K. Dailey,	2 25	
	———	346 35
Amount carried forward,		$3,258 60

Amount brought forward,		$3,258 60
For Mrs. John Kerley,		
Paid John O. Dean & Co.,	$ 6 75	
" W. O. Drake,	44 00	
" Hutchinson & Kimball,	7 00	
" City of Brockton,	1 00	
	———	58 75
For Mrs. Margaret Harrigan,		
Paid Charles Carr,	$12 00	
" A. B. Sladen,	48 00	
	———	60 00
For Mrs. Ellen Welch,		
Paid Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation,		44 00
For Azel O. Randall's family,		
Paid Swift Brothers,	$109 10	
" H. Y. Mitchell,	8 04	
" Town Farm,	51 50	
" Amos G. Pratt,	57 00	
	———	225 64
For Allen Brothers,		
Paid Swift Brothers,		52 00
For Mrs. James McGinty,		
Paid W. H. Andrews,	$4 00	
" H. Y. Mitchell,	47 00	
	———	51 00
For Frank W. Peck and family,		
Paid Plympton,		255 43
Amount carried forward,		$4,005 42

Amount brought forward,		$4,005 52
For Alfred Lincoln and family,		
Paid Charles H. Billings,	$ 3 00	
" Mansfield,	156 54	
		159 54
For Abby Ripley,		
Paid Plymouth,		48 00
For James D. Walker,		
Paid New Bedford,		18 00
For Hannah Fitzgibbons,		
Paid City of Boston,		32 00
For Warren F. Smith,		
Paid City of Boston,		14 00
For James F. Heffernan,		
Paid City of Boston,		12 15
For Elizabeth Heffernan,		
Paid City of Boston,		10 00
For Theodore G. Thursse,		
Paid City of Boston,		27 00
For John F. Manning,		
Paid City of Fall River,		48 00
For Mary Cunningham,		
Paid City of Fall River,		48 00
For Henry A. White and family,		
Paid City of Taunton,		133 77
For Orace T. Keene,		
Paid City of Taunton,		21 66
For Mrs. Michael McDavitt and family,		
Paid City of Brockton,		100 20
Amount carried forward,		$4,677 84

Amount brought forward,	$4,677 84
For Henry D. James and family,	
Paid City of Brockton,	43 12
For Mrs. Olivia Anderson and family,	
Paid City of Brockton,	65 00
For Elizabeth and Ann Dollard,	
Paid City of Brockton,	111 12
For E. W. Chamberlain and family,	
Paid City of Brockton,	10 50
For John E. Lincoln,	
Paid Stoughton,	68 57
For N. B. Lincoln,	
Paid Stoughton,	50 95
For Lewis D. Leonard's family,	
Paid Avon,	127 20
For Mrs. Albert Lincoln,	
Paid Stoughton,	5 51
For Walter H. Peck and family,	
Paid Bridgewater,	78 31
For George Barlow,	
Paid City of Boston,	28 00
For Paul Richardson's family.	
Paid Franklin,	42 00
For John Brickley, 1896,	
Paid Braintree,	4 17

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND STATE.

For Mrs. Hannah A. Riordan, State,	
Paid J. C. Goward,	6 75
Amount carried forward,	$5,319 04

Amount brought forward,		$5,319 04
For Mrs. Charles McGrath, Mansfield,		
Paid A. B. Sladen,	$ 5 00	
" Caroline L. Smith,	35 00	
" F. E. Tilden, M. D.,	1 00	
" W. O. Faxon, M. D.,	20 00	
" George G. Withington & Co.,	60	
		$61 60
For Mrs. Blanche L. Rounds, Plymouth,		
Paid D. J. Dineen & Co.,	$18 00	
" Town Farm,	32 50	
" L. K. Wilber,	3 00	
		53 50
For Fred L. Williamson, Marshfield,		
Paid Boston Branch Clothing Co.,	$19 75	
" H. Y. Mitchell,	7 75	
" George H. Wells,	7 00	
" F. E. Tilden, M. D.,	3 00	
		37 50
For Mrs. William Briggs, Hopedale.		
Paid George E. Keith,		113 50
For Daniel W. Washburn, Norton,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		4 00
For Lewis D. Leonard, State,		
Paid Avon,		31 80
For Marcus E. Jones, Lancaster,		
Paid Town of Easton, rent,		36 00
For George Hedderig, State,		
Paid George L. Kimball,		15 00
		$5,671 94

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Howard W. Phillips, for relief,	$72 00	
" Cyrus A. Freeman's family, for relief,	104 00	
" George N. Blanchard, for relief,	25 75	
		201 75

MILITARY AID.

Alfred Lincoln,	$ 88 00	
Cyrus A. Freeman,	127 68	
		215 68

Appropriation for poor,	$8,000 00	
Received and due from other towns and State,	467 49	
		8,467 49

Paid for poor outside Almshouse,	$5,671 94	
" Balance against Almshouse,	774 04	
" Medical attendance on poor,	150 00	
" Soldiers' relief,	201 75	
" Military Aid,	215 68	
		7,013 41
Unexpended balance,		$1,454 08

The town has received from Asa T. Newcomb a deed of 25 acres of land to be applied to his support; also a deed from David A. Phillips, of 1½ acres of land, to be applied to his support.

GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
EVERETT E. POOL,
Overseers of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN HALL.

Paid John H. Utton,	$16 00	
" F. E. Edwards,	1 40	
		$17 40

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN WELLS.

Paid W. E. Washburn,	$29 82	
" Wales Brothers,	6 00	
" Heath & White,	2 20	
		38 02

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

GEORGE COPELAND,		
Services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	387 50	
Conveyance,	39 75	
Cash expenses,	12 62	
		439 87
HENRY W. HEATH,		
Services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	$301 25	
Conveyance,	42 15	
Cash expenses,	11 69	
		355 09
Amount carried forward,		$794 96

Amount brought forward,		$794 96
EVERETT E. POOL,		
Services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	$351 00	
Conveyance,	32 85	
Cash expenses,	15 15	
		399 00
GEORGE G. WITHINGTON,		
Services as town clerk, treasurer, and registrar of voters,		350 00
A. MORTON HAYWARD,		
Services as registrar of voters,		50 00
GEORGE A. LACKEY,		
Services as registrar of voters,		50 00
JULIUS D. ATWOOD,		
Services as registrar of voters,		50 00
LINCOLN S. DRAKE,		
Services as school committee,		50 00
ROBERT T. CONROY,		
Services as school committee,		50 00
JOHN O. DEAN,		
Services as road commissioner,		90 00
JOHN J. MCCARTHY,		
Services as road commissioner,		70 00
THOMAS F. LADD,		
Services as road commissioner,		50 00
THOMAS DOWNEY,		
Services as constable,		18 50
SAMUEL M. RENNIE,		
Services as constable,		41 50
Amount carried forward,		$2,063 96

Amount brought forward,	$2,063 96
Amos G. Pratt,	
Services as constable, 1895, 1896, 1897,	17 00
George W. Kennedy,	
Services as auditor,	10 00
William J. Twohig,	
Services as auditor,	10 00
	$2,100 96

We recommend to appropriate:

Support of poor,	$7,000 00
Roads and bridges,	5,000 00
Clearing roads of snow,	800 00
Town officers' bills,	2,200 00
Incidentals,	2,000 00
Discount on taxes,	3,000 00

For schools, schoolhouse repairs, text books and supplies, see School Committee's Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE SPECIAL FUND.

Dr.

To deposit in North Easton Savings Bank, of bal. on hand Jan. 1st, 1897,	$555 98	
Accrued interest to Dec. 31, 1897,	22 02	
		$578 00
Amount carried forward,		$578 00

Amount brought forward,		$578 00
Cr.		
Paid George C. Belcher, care cemetery lots, 1895,	$3 75	
Care cemetery lots, 1896,	6 50	
		10 25
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1897,		$567 75

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE GENERAL FUND.

Dr.		
To 10 Town of Attleboro Water Bonds,	$10,000 00	
Accrued interest on same,	400 00	
Deposit in North Easton Savings Bank,	976 22	
Accrued interest on same,	32 34	
		$11,408 56
Cr.		
Paid Security Safe Deposit Co. for rent of safe,	$10 00	
Paid Willis B. Drew on account of labor on Church St. Cemetery,	700 00	
10 Town of Attleboro Water Bonds,	10,000 00	
Deposit in North Easton Savings Bank,	698 56	
		$11,408 56

GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,
EVERETT E. POOL,
Selectmen of Easton.

LIST OF JURORS

AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

Julius D. Atwood,
Mason,

Samuel Atwood,
Pedlar.

Charles Anderson,
Shovel Maker.

John E. Blake,
Postmaster.

Thomas Bean,
Shoemaker.

Marshall D. J. Buck,
Farmer.

Eustace K. Clapp, Jr.
Shoemaker.

Charles F. Chase,
Engineer.

Lorenzo B. Crockett,
Engineer.

Hugh Curran,
Foundryman.

Willis B. Drew,
Heel Manufacturer.

George T. Drake,
Painter.

Abbott L. Drake,
Foundryman.

Charles K. Dailey,
Farmer.

P. William Fecto,
Retired.

George W. Ghen,
Foundryman.

Norman A. Ghen,
Foundryman.

George E. Geddes,
Melter.

Lucius Howard,
Farmer.

Parsons O. Hardy,
Painter.

James H. Hurst,
Clerk.

Edward C. Jenney,
Farmer.

Frank P. Keith,
Clerk.

Thomas B. Keith,
Farmer.

Charles Kilgour,
Foundryman.
August Ledin,
Trader.
Daniel J. Lyons,
Farmer.
Daniel C. Lillie,
Retired.
Isaac L. Miller,
Carpenter.
Thomas R. Marshall,
Farmer.
James B. Manning,
Foundryman.
Edward B. Manning,
Foundryman.
John McFarland,
Florist.
Henry D. Newton,
Cutter.
Joseph L. Newcomb,
Farmer.
Alfred F. Pratt,
Clerk.
Everett E. Pool,
Clerk.
Frederick Packard,
Shoemaker.
Samuel S. Ryder,
Fish Dealer.
Ernest C. Speed,
Carpenter.
Howard L. Swift,
Trader.
Lewis H. Smith,
Jeweler.
Frank Wills,
Foundryman.
William M. Wills,
Foundryman.
J. Warren Willis,
Foundryman.
George H. Wells,
Clerk.
Chase A. Wheaton,
Carriage Maker.
Walter Welsh,
Foundryman.

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1897.

Hosea H. Andrews,
George C. Belcher,
Adam Birnie,
George Carr,
A. Morton Hayward,
Charles A. Knapp,
Fred B. Littlefield,
George E. Williams.

TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL, ss.

To either of the Constables in the town of Easton, in the County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, School Committee and Superintendent of Schools,

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and to see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The vote must be by separate ballot, and must be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay for conveying such scholars residing outside of District No. 7, as may wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will instruct its Treasurer to pay no bills against the town of persons in arrears for taxes until such taxes are paid.

ART. 9. To see if the town will award damages to Mrs. Harriet A. French for land taken in the widening of Washington Street in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars to pay for curbing and putting the same around the Soldiers' Monument at Easton Centre.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Brockton Street Railway Company to act as common carriers of small parcels weighing not more than twenty-five pounds each, under the provisions of chapter four hundred and ten of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to build a piazza on the front end of the Union School House at Furnace Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money to build the Lockup at North Easton.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the appeal of Florence E. Hall and Martha J. Snell from the award of the Road Commissioners for land taken in the widening of Grove Street.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Memorial Day, the same to be expended under the direction of Post 52, G. A. R.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed, in accordance with a vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting, to prepare resolutions in recognition of the efficient and faithful services of the late Hiram Williams, as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor, to be placed on record and published in the next Annual Town Report, present the following preamble and resolutions:

Resolutions on the Death of Hiram Williams.

Whereas, The late Hiram Williams served the town of Easton, in the offices held by him, for a longer term than any one of his predecessors in said offices, and with eminent ability and fidelity:

Resolved, That we, the inhabitants of Easton, gratefully acknowledge the value of his services and in his death mourn the loss of an able and devoted officer; a worthy, public-spirited and beloved fellow citizen.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

F. ELMER TILDEN,
GEO. C. BELCHER,
JOHN O. DEAN,
DANIEL F. BUCKLEY,
LOUIS C. SOUTHARD,
GUILFORD WHITE,
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1897.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5	Raphael Downey	M.	Thomas and Ellen L.
" 16	(Illegitimate.)	F.	
" 16	James Joseph Howlett	M.	James J. and Anna C.
Feb. 7	James Dineen	M.	Cornelius O. and Nellie G.
" 9	——— Burns	F.	John and Elizabeth.
" 13	Elizabeth Welch	P.	Daniel and Mary.
" 13	Eunice Josephine Lynch	F.	Michael and Mary A.
" 14	Olive Etta Ellison	M.	Norman E. and Etta U.
" 15	Paulos A. H. Anderson	M.	Andrew B. and Hannah C.
" 20	Charles Noel Manning	F.	Edward F. and Hattie F.
" 22	Virginia D. Rankin	M.	James H. and Mary E.
" 25	George A. M. Goodrich	M.	Elmer and Clara A.
March 4	Friejof Emanuel Bjorkland	M.	John and Caroline.
" 4	Catherine Agnes Lucey	F.	Timothy and Hannah.
" 23	Edith Sadonia Anderson	F.	John A. and Helma.
April 1	John Francis Murphy	M.	John F. and Nellie M.
" 7	Harry Elmer Hennegar	M.	Charles H. and Cora M.
" 8	(Illegitmate)	F.	
" 11	Esther Josephine Swanstrom	F.	Herman and Alma.
" 13	Ellen A. I. Eliason	F.	Albert and Anna.
" 18	Karl Julius Larson	M.	John A. and Emma.
" 21	Hannah Gilda	F.	Jeremiah and Anna.
" 22	Margaretta Alice Riordan	F.	Jeremiah F. and Catherine.
" 29	Ethel Olivia Anderson	F.	Charles J. and Selma G.
May 1	James Leonard	M.	Herman L. and Alice L.
" 2	Newell L. M. Howard	M.	William N. and Grace S.
" 2	Mary Elizabeth O'Connell	F.	William D. and Margaret.
" 7	Alfonso Per Reinhold	M.	Peter M. and Ida.
" 7	Eli Benjamin Larsson	M.	August and Anna B.
" 21	John Brett Howard	M.	Heman and Mary R.
" 27	(Illegitimate)	M.	
June 4	Elizabeth Jane Sim	F.	Joseph and Isabella.
" 5	Elizabeth Welby	F.	Patrick and Mary J.
" 6	Thomas Horatio Murphy	M.	James A. and Catherine F.
" 15	Francis Dineen	M.	Daniel J. and Annie.
" 25	Stella Louisa Eak	F.	John and Ida.
July 2	Aldo Dexter Johnson	M.	Borje and Lena.

BRRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1897.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July 3	Frank Kenney Bassett.....	M.	Joseph and Kate.
" 12	Eleanora Natalia Wybor.....	F.	August and Martina.
" 17	Mary Margaret Sullivan.....	F.	Patrick and Hannah.
" 20	Arthur Howard Day.....	M.	Oliver A. and Anna L.
" 25	James Riordan.....	M.	Dennis and Julia F.
" 27	Anna Malifi.....	F.	Francis H. and Anna.
" 31	Grace Viola Williams.....	F.	Monroe and Ida M.
August 1	Carl Johannes Johnson.....	M.	Andrew and Clara H.
" 4	Ruth Angela Travers.....	F.	Owen and Mary A.
" 5	Wilson Bramford Fantom.....	M.	Henry T. and Mary E.
" 6	John Arnold Bailey.....	M.	John D. and Fanny H.
" 7	Mary Evelyn Harding.....	F.	William T. and Bertha C.
" 7	Patrick Harlow.....	M.	Patrick and Carrie A.
" 7	Carrie Harlow.....	F.	Patrick and Carrie A.
" 8	Margaret Elizabeth Holmes..	F.	Henry and Anna.
" 13	Merton Elwyn Gifford.....	M.	Fred E. and D. Maria.
" 14	Eileen Murphy.....	F.	Patrick O. and Julia A.
" 16	Josiah Clinton Goward.....	M.	Josiah C. and Alice J.
" 17	James Pierce.....	M.	William T. and Mary A.
" 30	Walter Healey	M.	Edward J. and Mary J.
Sept. 1	George Henry Smith.....	M.	Herbert A. and Catherine M.
" 12	John Carlton Mason.....	M.	George and Nellie.
" 12	George W. Hanson.....	M.	Oliver and Ellen.
" 12	Caroline Hayward.....	F.	Edward B. and Mary.
" 14	Norman Lawrence French...	M.	George L. and Angie F. G.
" 14	Richard C. Ames.....	M.	Arthur W. and Esther A.
" 14	Francis Cyril McDavitt.....	M.	John S. and Nellie M.
" 25	Axel Seigfried Holmes.....	M.	Alfred and Anna C.
" 28	Anna Magdalena Anderson...	F.	John M. and Sophia C.
Oct. 3	Owen McKenna.....	M.	Owen and Anna M.
" 3	Ruth Mabel Barter	F.	Fred E. and Mabel T.
" 4	John Joseph Spillane.....	M.	Maurice J. and Catherine A.
" 8	Edith Justina Johnson.....	F.	Franz and Thilda M.
" 16	Winthrop Ashton French....	M.	Levi F. and Mary A.
" 18	Katerina C. L. Holmblad....	F.	Emil and Carolina E.
" 21	John J. McCarthy.....	M.	John J. and Mary.
" 21	Francis Britton Randall.....	M.	William F. and Clara.
" 23	Blanche Mildred Carlsson...	F.	Charles W. and Gerda.
" 27	Mildred Roche.....	F.	Thomas H. and Mary E.
" 29	——— Gardner.....	M.	Ira and Ellen M.
" 31	Esther Matilda Sandgren	F.	John and Anna C.
Nov 6	Ralph Alton Lunn.....	M.	Linneeus W. and Ada E.
" 8	——— Smith.....	F.	John M. and Gertrude.
" 14	Mary Josephine Lordan.....	F.	Michael and Mary F.
" 16	Bertha Meyer Swift.....	F.	John and Bertha.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1897.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Nov. 20	——— Pearsall.....	F.	Alfred and Emma R.
" 23	William Currivan.....	M.	Michael F. and Mary.
" 24	Lucy Cecilia Flynn.....	F.	John and Julia.
" 25	Josephine Reynolds.	F.	Michael F. and Mary A
" 25	Henrietta Charlotte Lowell...	F.	Francis L. and Charlotte E.
Dec. 8	Edwin Otto Nystrom.....	M.	John F. and Minnie T.
" 9	Earl Barnes.....	M.	Charles E. and Mary F.
" 10	Francis Moynehan.....	M.	Patrick and Anna.
" 18	Rena Alverna Bailey.....	F.	George N. and Abbie.
" 19	Elmer Nelson Drew.....	M.	Dennison W. and Mary E.
" 20	Elizabeth McMenamy.....	F.	Andrew J. and Mary J.
" 21	Merrill Henry Ladd.....	M.	Frank and Della E.
" 26	David Kilborg.....	M.	Andrew and Hilda.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1897.

Date.		Names and Residences.
Jan.	5.	Herbert E. Phillips and Lillian W. Barton, both of Easton.
"	14.	James C. Shea, of Rockland and Lizzie M. Riordan, of Easton.
Feb.	3.	Ernest G. Kauffmann, of Lexington and Lillian F. Clark, of Easton.
"	17.	Percy Nichols and Hattie Sawyer, both of Easton.
"	17.	Henry E. Foyle and Sarah P. Fitch, both of Easton.
"	22.	Gustaf Nyberg, of Easton and Hilda Vogstrom, of Brockton.
"	25.	Andrew J. McMenamy and Mary J. McMullen, both of Easton.
March	15.	Seth Preston Ramsdell and Inie Belle Blanchard, both of Brockton.
"	24.	Carroll B. Ross, of W. Rutland, Vt., and Harriet W. Stewart, of Easton.
April	15.	Albert F. Bellows, of Brockton, and Mary Jane Gray, of Easton.
"	17.	Warren S. Rice and Alice L. Watts, both of Easton.
"	29.	James E. Dean and Maggie Beatty, both of Easton.
May	4.	Fred Randall, of Easton, and Mabel H. Robinson, of Brockton.
June	9.	Marcus M. Porter, of Stoughton, and Mabel Howard, of Easton.
"	16.	William M. Smith and Eliza S. Riddell, both of Easton.
July	14.	Frederick F. Griffin, of Easton, and Martha E. Miller, of Braintree.
"	29.	Michael Lordan and Mary Cotter, both of Easton.
August	18.	George Cruickshank and Florence I. Williams, both of Easton.

Sept.	4.	George Pierce and Mary Menin, both of Easton.
"	4.	William H. Rice and Estella J. Britton, both of Easton.
"	8.	William P. McDermott, of Easton, and Ida M. Gregory, of Mansfield.
"	25.	Alfred Holm and Anna Peterson, both of Easton.
Oct.	28.	Frank O. Stewart, of Waltham, and Mary S. Potter, of Easton.
"	29	John Quist, of Easton, and Matilda Peterson, of Stoughton.
Nov.	13.	Henning Hanson and Emma Ericsson, both of Easton.
"	25.	Daniel Mahoney and Julia C. Cahill, both of Easton.
"	25.	John B. Sullivan, of Yonkers, N. Y., and Mary B. Lynch, of Easton.
Dec.	21.	Elmer A. Barrows and Alice M. Corthell, both of Hanover, N. H.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON, IN 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Jan. 1	Martin N. Wyborg,	2		3	Broncho Pneumonia.
" 4	Ethel E. Johnson,		10	25	Pertussis.
" 6	Lewis F. Phillips,	56	9	27	Accident.
" 9	Elizabeth D. Dickerman,	63	10	8	Carcinoma.
" 10	Ann M. Willis.	72	2	1	Paralysis.
" 11	Philip B. Johnson,		10	2	Bronchitis.
" 11	Leon A. White,	2	7	13	———
" 18	Rousanna H. Rich,	69	5	18	Pneumonia.
" 20	Amanda E. Kelley,	34	5	11	Exhaustion.
" 27	Alvera M. Tilden,	74	8	13	Pneumonia.
" 31	Nellie F. Windsor,	24		3	Pulm. Tuberculosis.
" 31	Ada V. Johnson,	6	1	14	Broncho Pneumonia.
Feb. 1	Julian M. Jaworska,		4		Pulm. Congestion.
" 9	Lyman J. Buzzell,	35	5	14	Pneumonia.
" 14	Patrick Donahue,	70			Fibroid Phthisis.
" 25	Andrew J. Nilsson,	41	9	12	Pneumonia.
" 26	Margaret Brophy,	9			Catarrhal Pneumonia.
March 1	Marian S. McGlincy,	1	7	28	Bronchitis.
" 1	Marian E. Evans,	2	4	23	Pneumonia.
" 3	Rufus White,	73			Broncho-Pneumonia.
April 3	Ellen Cotter,	34	7	19	Pulm. Tuberculosis.
" 6	Betsey P. Chase,	43	6		Phthisis.
" 8	George W. Belcher,	71	6	4	Senile Insanity.
" 17	James S. O'Keefe,	2	3	19	Acute Nephritis.
" 19	Hannah M. Bishop,	25	2	23	Pulm. Tuberculosis.
May 4	Charles E. Haskins,	56	2		Carcinoma.
" 9	Margaret G. Day.	59	6		Pulm. Congestion.
" 20	Grace S. M. Howard,	24	8	22	Anæmia.
" 25	Mary Cahill.	62			Uræmia.
" 29	Amanda C. Stroberg,	36	1	9	Heart Disease.
June 1	Martin Barton,	70			Influenza.
" 8	Luke S. Greenleaf,	83	5	2	Apoplexy.
" 13	William F. Randall,	38	4	16	Shock follow'g injuries.
" 25	David T. Newcomb,	47			Phthisis.
July 12	Sarah K. Wade,	56	2	1	Apoplexy.
" 24	Anna M. Lundgren,	70	9	3	Nephritis.
" 26	Thaxter D. Hervey,	86	2	20	Old Age.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1897.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Aug. 4	Eva M. McGrath,		3	4	Chol. Infantum.
" 7	Carrie A. Harlow,	29	10		Phthisis Pulm.
" 8	——— Harding;			1	Inanition.
" 9	John Carr,	73	4		Nephritis.
" 10	Gladys M. Washburn,		4	2	Chol. Infantum.
" 14	William H. Donovan.	22	5	14	Pulm. Tuberculosis.
" 15	William Mowatt,	51	6		Tetanus.
" 17	Ida M. Arvidson,	23			Pulm. Tuberculosis.
" 20	Lawrence J. Cotter,	1	4	3	Bronchitis.
" 27	Charles E. Keith,	78	11	7	Organic Dis. of Brain.
Sept. 4	Jane Hamilton,	16	4	3	Heart Disease.
" 10	Herman Swanstrom,		4	28	Couvulsions.
" 12	Erank T. Nash.		6	21	Chol. Infantum.
" 12	Arthur H. Day,		1	23	Enteritis.
" 20	John D. Hayward,	8	4	26	Chron. Hydrocephalus.
" 25	Daniel A. Clark,	91	9	1	Heart Failure.
" 25	Nahum M. D. Hayward,	51			Phihisis.
" 28	Jeremiah Kenealy,	67			Intermittent Fever.
Oct. 1	Anna M. Orrell,	72			Nephritis.
" 8	Bartholomew Sullivan.	53			Pneumonia.
" 9	Rhoda J. Morse,	57		19	Heart Disease.
" 11	Caroline J. Howard.	95	8	7	Cerebral Softening.
" 15	Annie L. Howard,	19			Typhoid Fever.
" 30	James W. Dickerman,	71	3	3	Heart Disease.
Nov. 8	Gustaf W. Hanson,	18	2	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
" 16	Caroline L. Hayward,	55	3	17	Pneumonia.
" 25	Willard F. Drake,	44	2	6	Disease of Liver.
" 26	Nathan King,	79	11		Meningitis.
" 28	Charlotte E. Lowell,	38	1	21	Pneumonia.
Dec. 9	John J. Riordan,	33	4	15	Dropsy.
" 16	Joseph Mayall,	83	2		Nephritis.
" 29	Joshua A. Littlefield,	67	10	11	Heart Failure.
" 31	Patrick F. Moynehan,	17			Phthisis Pulm.

OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS

LICENSED IN EASTON FROM MAY 1, 1897, TO MAY 1, 1898.

Albee, Edna M. (2)
Alden, Charles E.
Alger, Horace H. (3)
Alger, Frank. (2)
Alger, Nathan J.
Allen, Edward L.
Ames, William H.
Ames, Oliver. (kennel)
Ames, Mrs. Anna C. (kennel)
Ames, Hobart. (5)
Anderson, Andrew F.
Anderson, Olof.
Anderson, John.
Anderson, Andrew P.
Anderson, Andrew B.
Ashley, H. C.
Atwood, Samuel.

Barton, William W.
Barton, Geo. H.
Baldwin, John,
Basey, Samuel,
Barnard, Edwin.
Bassett, Joseph.
Beatty, Thomas.
Belcher, Frank. (2)
Belcher, Geo. C.
Belcher, Edgar F.
Bennett, Jane D.
Benson, Lars.
Beale, Oliver F.
Bingen, William A.
Blake, J.
Boggs, Benjamin D.
Borg, William.
Bradley, Frank.
Brisbin, William.
Buck, Henry D.
Buckley, James.
Burns, John.
Butler, Michael.

Canegaly, Aug. E.
Cahill, James.
Carr, Frank.
Carr, Henry.
Carr, John.
Carr, Charles.
Callahan, Eugene.
Callahan, John F.

Carpenter, David S.
Clements, Ethel P.
Coldwell, Charles S.
Cole, Anna E.
Cole, Harry.
Connell, Fred.
Conlin, Emma.
Cook, M. A. (5)
Copeland, George.
Cotter, Cornelius.
Coughlin, Dennis.
Costello, Patrick.
Cramer, Jeremiah. (2)
Cruickshank, James.
Cruickshank, George.
Cunningham, John E.
Curran, Hugh F.
Currivan, Michael F.
Chapman, Samuel.

Dailey, William.
Dailey, Charles K.
Dailey, Cornelius.
Dale, Charles O.
Dana, Nettie G.
Danahy, John J.
Darling, Theodore.
Day, Mrs. O. A.
Dean, Nelson C.
Dean, John O. (2)
Dean, James E.
Derby, William A.
DeWitt, Harry.
Dickerman, A. S.
Dineen, Daniel J.
Donovan, James P.
Donahue, Daniel P.
Donahue, Thomas.
Donahue, Dennis J.
Downey, Thomas.
Drew, Henry F.
Drake, William E.
Dromey, John.

Eddy, Daniel J.
Ellis, Charles.
Erving, John, Jr.
Erving, James.
Erving, William.
Evans, William A.

Field, John R.
Fisher, Peter.
French, Aug. G.

Gaffering, Bartley.
Galvin, John J.
Galvin, Timothy.
Galligan, B. F. (2)
Gardner, Wilmarth F.
Geddes, George.
Gibling, C. W.
Gooch, A. F. (2)
Goodman, James L.

Goward, Edwin T. (2)
Goward, Marian C.
Goward, Clarence N.
Grant, James.
Grant, James, Jr.

Hall, Samuel W.
Hall, Jesse.
Hamilton, William J.
Hanson, Oliver.
Hanlon, Fred.
Harris, W. L.
Hardy, Parsons O.
Harvey, William.
Harvey, Charles.
Harvey, Mary J.
Harlow, Hugh.
Hayes, George G.
Hayward, Edw. R.
Hayward, Edw B.
Hayward, Mrs. N. M. D.
Heath, Henry W.
Heath, Lottie M.
Heath, Olive.
Hennegar, Chas. H.
Herrick, J. F.
Herring, Walter F.
Hewitt, Lizzie M.
Higginbottom, Chas. W.
Howard, James E.
Howard, Lucius.
Howard, Wilmarth P.
Howard, Lewis P.
Howard, Fred L.
Howard, Roger S.
Hopkins, Augustus.
Howes, Samuel J.
Hubbs, R. W.

Johnson, Irving B.
Jones, Robert P.
Joyce, Jeremiah.

Keith, F. S.
Keith, George L.
Kelleher, Michael.
Kelly, John H.
Kennedy, Edw. H. (2)
Kimball, George L.

Lackey, W. Carlton.
Lackey, Grace D.
Ladd, Thomas F.
Leary, John.
Leary, Patrick.
Leighton, James H.
Leonard, Chas. S.
Leonard, Emory S.
Lillie, Marianna.
Lindquist, Oliver J.
Lordan, Michael.
Lothrop, Chas. F.
Lothrop, William B. (2)
Lothrop, Cyrus.

Lothrop, Mary J.
Lufkin, Chas. H.
Lunn, Geo. F.
Lyons, Daniel J. (2)

Maloy, Michael F.
Maliff, Fred H.
Manning, Edw. F.
Manning, Linus B.
Marshall, Harry.
Manchester, John H. (2)
Mackey, James R.
Mayall, Jabez.
McCarthy, Thomas.
McDermott, William B.
McDonald, David M.
McEntee, Archibald.
McGlincy, Michael.
McKean, Robert.
McLeod, William.
Meyers, Herman H.
Miller, Delmont A.
Miller, Charles E.
Monk, Charles F.
Monroe, E. F.
Moran, Joseph.
Mowatt, William.
Mulhair, James.
Murray, Patrick.
Murray, Alexander.
Murphy, John.
Murphy, Patrick J.

Nason, Fred L.
Newcomb, Jopeph G.
Nolan, Lizzie.
Nystrom, John.

O'Leary, Dennis F.
O'Keefe, Samuel J. (2)
O'Neil, Dennis.
O'Neil, Patrick J.

Packard, Charlotte E.
Packard, Fred.
Packard, Charles S.
Phillips, Mrs. Henry A.
Phillips, Harry. (2)
Phillips, Adelbert.
Phillips, David O.
Phillips, Jasper M.
Phelan, J. A.
Pierson, Edw. S.
Pratt, Guy W.
Pratt, Edith W.
Pratt, Frank C.
Pratt, Amos G.
Proctor, Bartholomew.

Quinn, George E.
Quist, John.

Randall, Arthur E.
Randall, Charles.
Randall, Daniel L. (2)

Randall, Fred.
Randall, Langdon H. (2)
Randall, Oscar R.
Rankin, James.
Rankin, Mrs. James.
Reddy, James.
Reed, Charles D.
Riordan, John.
Riordan, Cornelius. (2)
Riordan, Dennis F.
Rohdin, John A.
Ross, George.

Sherman, M. Florence.
Sheehan, John.
Sisson, Alfred A.
Slattery, Edmund.
Smith, Lewis H.
Smith, Andrew.
Smith, Charles H.
Smith, Dwelley G.
Smith, John H.
Smith, H. A.
Soule, Nelson P.
Spillane, Stephen F.
Spillane, John.
Spooner, Myrtie A.
Stanton, John.
Sweeney, D. H. (3)
Sweet, George H.

Taylor, Jenner B.
Thayer, F. G.
Thomas, Cornelius.
Thompson, Henry M.
Tileston, Fred W.
Trask, J. C.
Tune, William E.
Twohig, William J.

Walker, Geo. H.
Washburn, C. E.
Watts, James.
Watts, James W.
Webster, Clinton B.
Webster, Clinton T.
Webster, Forest.
Welch, Walter.
Wells, Celia J.
White, Gardner.
Whitten, Herbert B.
Wilber, H. F.
Wilber, W. J.
Wilber, Lemuel K. (2)
Wilde, Geo. F. F.
Williams, Frank H.
Williams, Albert L.
Williams, Thomas E.
Williams, Munro F.
Williams, Wilbert N.
Williams, Henry C.
Williams, John M.
Williams, John B.
Willis, J. E.

Willis, Fred L.
Willis, Martin H.
Willis, Horace W.
Wills, Frank L.

Withington, Geo. G.

Verrill, Harry J.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1897.

Lorenzo B. Crockett was chosen to preside at the meeting.

Reports of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, School Committee and Superintendent of Schools, were accepted.

It was voted to limit the number of Constables to be chosen to five. Town officers were elected in the usual manner.

The following sums of money were voted to be raised and appropriated, viz. :—

Support of poor, eight thousand dollars.
Repairs of roads and bridges, six thousand dollars.
Road tools, four hundred dollars.
Clearing roads of snow, eight hundred dollars.
Town officer's bills, two thousand dollars.
Incidental expenses, eighteen hundred dollars.
Discounts on taxes, three thousand dollars.
Teachers' wages, thirteen thousand dollars.
Fuel for schools, twelve hundred dollars.
Care of schoolhouses, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.
School supplies and sundries, fifteen hundred dollars.
Schoolhouse repairs, one thousand dollars.
Text books, eight hundred dollars.
School furniture, two hundred dollars.

Evening School, five hundred dollars.

Transportation of pupils, sixteen hundred dollars.

For schoolhouse repairs in No. 7, six hundred dollars.

Memorial Day, Post 52, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The Treasurer was authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, sufficient to meet the requirements of the town, to be paid from the tax levy of 1897.

The jury list, as presented by the Selectmen, was accepted after excusing Langdon H. Randall, Geo. C. Belcher and Patrick F. Derby, the vacancies to be supplied by the Selectmen.

Voted, To sustain the Selectmen in clearing the land known as the Old Cemetery, on Church Street, according to E. B. Hayward's survey, under the provisions of the wills of Hiram P. and Mary L. Drake.

The following named persons were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Hiram Williams, to be printed in the next Annual Report: Dr. F. E. Tilden, Geo. C. Belcher, John O. Dean, Daniel F. Buckley, Louis C. Southard, Guilford White and Geo. G. Withington.

The School Committee were instructed to prepare a place for the Evening School in the High School Building.

On License question, "No," two hundred and twenty-one; "Yes," one hundred and sixty-seven.

The meeting was dissolved.

At a legal town meeting holden on the fifteenth day of May, William N. Howard was chosen to preside at the meeting.

The re-location and widening of Grove street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, was accepted and three hundred

dollars voted to be raised and appropriated for the same.

The re-location and widening of Depot street between Washington and Turnpike Streets, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, was accepted and three hundred dollars voted to be raised and appropriated for the same.

Voted unanimously to authorize the Taunton & Brockton Street Railway Company to act as common carriers of small parcels, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 497, Acts of 1896.

The matter of providing a suitable lockup at North Easton for the detention of prisoners, was referred to the Selectmen with full authority to purchase, build or hire, and suitably furnish the same. Two thousand dollars were voted to be raised and appropriated for the same.

The meeting was dissolved.

STATE ELECTION, NOV. 2, 1897.

At the Annual State Election holden on Tuesday, November 2, 1897, the number of ballots cast was four hundred and thirteen and they were for the following persons :—

For Governor.

John Bascom, of Worcester, nine.
Thomas C. Brophy, of Boston, six.
William Everett, of Quincy, twenty-nine.
Geo. Fred. Williams, of Dedham, ninety.
Roger Wolcott, of Boston, two hundred and fifty-five.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Edw. A. Buckland, of So. Hadley, seven.
Christopher T. Callahan, of Holyoke, ninety.
James E. Cotter, of Hyde Park, forty-one.
W. Murray Crane, of Dalton, two hundred and thirty-six.
Willard O. Wylie, of Beverly, seven.

For Secretary.

Addison W. Barr, of Worcester, six.
Charles D. Nash, of Whitman, ninety-five.
William M. Olin, of Boston, two hundred and thirty-six.
Edwin Sawtell, of Brockton, nine.
Bernard M. Wolf, of Boston, twenty-seven.

For Treasurer.

Geo. A. Brown, of Lynn, six.
Robert G. Habberley, of Hyde Park, eight.
Edward P. Shaw, of Newburyport, two hundred and thirty-seven.
Horace P. Tobey, of Wareham, thirty-one.
Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree, ninety-four.

For Auditor.

Joseph Ballam, of Boston, six.
Harry Douglas, of Gr. Barrington, twenty-eight.
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg, two hundred and thirty-eight.
Jos. Henry Sheldon, of Haverhill, ninety.
Herbert M. Small, of Templeton, eight.

For Attorney-General.

Walcott Hamlin, of Amherst, seven.
William Harrison, of Lawrence, eight.
Hosea M. Knowlton, of N. Bedford, two hundred and forty.
Wm. W. McClench, of Chicopee, twenty-nine.
John A. O'Keefe, of Lynn, eighty-four.

For Councillor.

Dana Estes, of Brookline, twenty-nine.
Benj. S. Lovell, of Weymouth, two hundred and thirty.
Geo. O. Wentworth, of Stoughton, one hundred.

For Senator.

William R. Black, of Taunton, two hundred and fifty-nine.
Lincoln S. Drake, of Easton, one.

For Representative to Gen. Court.

Frank W. Barnard, of Mansfield, two hundred and nineteen.
Henry W. Heath, of Easton, one hundred and sixty-four.

For County Commissioner.

Cortez Allen, of Westport, forty-eight.
John M. Hathaway, of Fairhaven, one hundred and thirteen.
William Sanders, of N. Bedford, one hundred and ninety-two.

For Register of Deeds.

Joseph E. Wilbar, of Taunton, two hundred and sixty-nine.

For County Treasurer.

Geo. F. Pratt, of Taunton, two hundred and sixty-nine.

The whole number of ballots cast in Easton, Mansfield and Raynham, constituting the Second Bristol Representative District, was nine hundred and twenty-six.

Frank W. Barnard, of Mansfield, had five hundred and forty.

In Easton	219
In Mansfield	274
In Raynham	47

Henry W. Heath, of Easton, had three hundred and thirty-one.

In Easton	164
In Mansfield	162
In Raynham	5

GEO. G WITHINGTON,
Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. G. WITHINGTON, TREASURER.

Cr.	CASH RECEIVED.		
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, cash,	$1,549 55		
Uncollected taxes,	4,473 56		
		$6,023	11
Assessors' return of taxes,		45,534	09
From Ames Fund, schools and roads,		3,030	00
" Commonwealth, corporation tax,	$9,590 79		
National Bank tax,	1,859 42		
State Aid,	1,923 00		
Indigent Soldiers' Aid,	84 46		
State paupers,	35 50		
		13,493	17
From Dog Fund,		729	30
" Fines from District Court and jails,		503	52
" Licenses,		19	00
" Aid to poor refunded,		100	47
" Loans in anticipation of taxes,		23,304	80
" Tuition in High School,		50	00
" Commonwealth,		224	00
" Oakes Ames Fund, acct. of schoolhouse repairs,		68	80
" Sale of History of Easton,		5	00
Amount carried forward,		$93,085	26

Amount brought forward,		$93,085 26
From Silver, Burdett & Co., overpaid bill of Dec. 15,		9 24
" E. B. Maglathlin, sale of school property No. 8,		5 00
" Memorial Hall Asso.,		100 00
" Geo. H. DeWitt, error in bill, Road Dept.		14 42
" Brockton St. Railway Co., " "		81 10
" John O. Dean, " "		205 00
" G. E. Rounds, aid to poor,		48 00
" City of Brockton, " "		9 00
" Town of Hopedale, " "		113 50
" " Lancaster, " "		40 50
" " Mansfield, " "		61 60
" " Marshfield, " "		32 90
" " Norton, " "		4 00
" " Stoughton, " "		13 50
		$93,823 02

Dr.	CASH PAID.		
Teachers' wages,	School Dept.,	$13,757 07	
Care of schoolhouses,	" "	1,634 90	
Fuel for "	" "	1,419 40	
School sundries,	" "	1,716 32	
Text book account,	" "	763 27	
Schoolhouse repairs,	" "	1,202 10	
Conveyance of pupils,	" "	816 70	
Superintendent,	" "	1,300 00	
Expenses of Superintendent, School Dept.,		89 92	
School furniture,		47 00	
Amount carried forward,			$22,746 68

Amount brought forward,	$22,746 68
Evening School,	440 75
Labor on roads,	7,149 16
Other expenses of Road Dept.,	1,684 51
Snow bills,	181 40
Expense of outside poor,	6,299 04
" Almshouse,	369 33
State tax,	3,552 50
National Bank tax,	742 52
County tax,	6,206 05
Commonwealth, ¼ of 6th class license fees,	50
Discount on tax list,	2,732 04
State and Military Aid,	1,976 00
Taxes remitted, 1893 to 1897,	99 31
Printing town reports, 1896,	236 16
Decoration Day,	150 00
Recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	67 60
Purchase of land for lockup,	900 00
J. E. Trask, Warden of Almshouse,	450 00
C. K. Dailey, services at state election, 1896,	3 50
J. W. Keith, " " " "	3 50
Election officers, 1897,	77 00
L. B. Crockett, moderator,	10 00
Geo. W. Kennedy, auditor of accounts,	10 00
Wm. J. Twohig, " "	10 00
Geo. A. Lackey, registrar of voters,	50 00
A. M. Hayward, " "	50 00
J. D. Atwood, " "	50 00
S. M. Rennie, truant officer,	75 00
Amount carried forward,	$56,322 55

Amount brought forward,	$56,322 55
S. M. Rennie constable and fire ward,	55 00
Thomas Downey, constable,	18 50
Amos G. Pratt, "	17 00
A. B. Sladen, fire service,	18 65
Collecting district tax,	98 96
Paying State Aid,	19 76
Schoolhouse repairs in District No. 7,	593 80
Town Farm, keeping prisoners in lockup,	51 00
Physicians, for returns of births,	19 00
Undertakers, for returns of deaths,	14 75
E. R. Hayward, inspector of cattle, etc.,	300 00
E. B. Hayward, surveys, plans, etc.,	137 60
Insurance premiums,	298 07
Town officers' bills,	1,878 96
H. J. Fuller, legal services,	87 00
Bennett & Hall, " "	6 00
Commonwealth, for record ink,	4 45
Furniture for Selectmen's room,	186 92
Desk for Town Clerk's office,	31 00
Repairing and re-binding record books,	28 00
Town Farm, for boarder,	41 25
Geo. Barrows, right of way for drain,	3 00
E A. Wilson and E. A. Hartwell, land damage,	25 00
David F. Cook, land damage,	15 00
J. C. Wilson, " "	38 00
Geo. Simpson, " "	36 00
John Beatty, " "	80 00
Joseph M. Grant, " "	60 00
Amount carried forward,	$60,485 22

Amount brought forward,		$60,485 22
Officers' court fees,		536 94
Express charges,		11 60
Labor at fires,		5 25
Miscellaneous printing,		118 00
Extra police service July 4th,		25 00
Pumps and wells account,		38 02
Blank books and stationery,		45 70
Notes in anticipation of taxes and interest,		23,689 14
L. H. Smith, preparing polling booths,		2 00
Heath & White, repairing ballot box,		1 05
Care of town hall,		17 40
Orin M. Godwin, for liquor raids,		5 00
D. C. Lillie, taking school census,		15 00
" " distributing town reports,		5 25
Poll tax for 1894, remitted to S. M. Rennie,		182 00
" " 1895, " " "		144 00
" " 1896, " " Thos. Downey,		80 00
Cash and office expenses,		42 34
Recording deed at Taunton,		50
Judicial oaths on returns, etc.,		4 25
Balance, uncollected taxes,	$3,685 25	
Cash,	4,684 11	
		8,369 36
		$93,823 02

FINANCIAL CONDITION DEC. 31st, 1897.

Assets.

Cash,	$4,684 11	
Unpaid taxes in Collector's hands,	3,411 25	
Poll taxes of 1893 due from A. G. Pratt,	274 00	
Due from Commonwealth, State Aid of 1897,	1,888 00	
		$10,257 36

Liabilities.

Due city of Fall River for support of Poor,	45 00
Balance,	$10,212 36

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

EASTON, JANUARY 31, 1898.

The subscribers, Auditors of the accounts of the Town of Easton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, have examined the accounts of Geo. G. Withington, its Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched; and the Treasurer has verified to us that the cash balance of $4,684.11, due from him to the town is in his possession.

GEO. W. KENNEDY,
WM. J. TWOHIG,
Auditors.

Names of Persons Receiving State Aid in 1897.

Daniel W. Burrill,	$48 00
Benjamin D. Boggs, ten months,	30 00
George H. Drake, five months,	15 00
Laban W. Drake,	36 00
George Dunbar, eight months,	48 00
Peter Fisher and wife,	102 00
James F. Gooch,	36 00
James Harris,	48 00
William D. Higgins,	72 00
Albert Hayward,	62 00
David Howard,	48 00
Edward W. Jenkins, eight months,	32 00
Geo. A. Lackey and wife,	96 00
James K. Leshure, nine months,	45 00
Charles F. Lothrop,	36 00
Thomas McHugh,	36 00
Charles E. Miller,	54 00
Simeon A. Randall,	36 00
Charles H. Smith,	48 00
Ezra G. Whittemore,	48 00
Joshua G. Wing,	48 00
Ann Conlin,	48 00
Amanda Drake,	48 00
Amount carried forward,	$1020 00

Amount brought forward,	$1020 00
Susan E. Drew,	48 00
Achsa Hanscom,	48 00
Caroline F. Hill,	48 00
Ann Haney,	48 00
Adelaide A. Humphrey,	24 00
Sarah J. Keenan,	48 00
Mary J. Lothrop,	48 00
Margaret Mulhearn,	48 00
Mary McEvoy,	48 00
Ellen Maguire,	48 00
Eldora F. Morse,	48 00
Mary Richards,	48 00
Laura A. Smith,	48 00
Celia J. Wells,	24 00
Lydia Willis,	48 00
Harriet E. Waldron,	48 00
Caroline Wheeler,	48 00
Alfred Lincoln, Military Aid,	88 00
	$1774 00

Treasurer's Report Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association.

For Year 1897.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1897,	$426 04
Received from rent of hall, for lectures and other entertainments,	290 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, for rent of rooms as per lease,	1 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, for use of gasolene,	25 00
Interest on deposit in North Easton Savings Bank,	11 52
	$753 56

EXPENDITURES.

L. H. Smith, services as janitor,	$104 00	
Repairs,	10 00	
Coal,	62 36	
Wood,	4 00	
Gasolene,	54 14	
Labor cleaning building,	14 40	
Labor on grounds,	7 45	
Sundries,	16 85	
		273 20
Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1898,		$480 36

Paid janitor for services on account of town, $24.

I also hold as Treasurer, the income on $2,000 bonds, Kansas Pacific Railway Co., which were donated to the Trustees, the income of which was to be applied to insuring of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, and any balance to be applied to repairs.

Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1897,	$111 16
Interest on deposit in North Easton Savings Bank,	1 44
	$112 60
Premium on $5,000, insurance, 5 years,	75 00
Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1898, in Insurance Fund,	$37 60

Coupons on above bonds not paid in 1897.

Insurance expires, $35,000, Oct. 14, 1901.
" " 5,000, Feb. 16, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. AMES,
Treasurer.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Road Department, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, as far as the bills have been presented, is herewith submitted:—

ROAD DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND, Jan. 1, 1898.

6 horses.	2 horse brushes.
6 horse carts.	3 mane brushes.
1 stone rigging.	5 rakes.
6 cart harnesses.	6 horse blankets.
1 pair double harnesses.	15 shovels.
4 pair trace chains.	1 tool box.
6 halters.	3 curry-combs.
1 road roller.	5 steel bars.
1 scraper.	1 axe.
1 Penock road machine.	100 ft. hard pine plank.
3 snow ploughs.	3 feed bags.
1 plough.	2 bush scythes.
2 stone drags.	2 snaths.
2 gravel screens.	3 sledge hammers.
1 ox yoke.	2 forks.
1 grain box.	60 chestnut posts.
9 large drills.	A lot of old iron.
2 whiffletrees.	2 striking hammers.
2 drill spoons.	6 hand drills.
2 steel wedges.	2 wrenches.
13 picks.	8 lantern globes.
6 pick hoes.	1 burning brand.
7 water pails.	1 steel stamp.

4 lanterns.	4 tie chains.
6 lantern holders.	8 stone chains.
6 feed boxes.	26 ft. 12 in. drain pipe.

ROAD MATERIAL MOVED BY TEAMS.

Loads of dirt,	3,391
" " stone.	4,378
" " screenings,	196
" " gravel,	8,330
" " crushed stones,	505

Stone road built, 1,850 feet.

About 1,100 loads of crushed stone are on hand, Dec. 31, '97.

LABOR BY ROAD DEPARTMENT COMPANY.

J. J. McCarthy,	$188 75
T. F. Ladd,	417 50
James Reddy,	576 67
William Lorden,	429 68
Morris Fitzgerald,	460 28
Dennis Coughlin,	474 29
Andrew Louzon,	473 40
John Barrett,	470 80
N. J. Nielson,	48 13
Michael Kelleher,	464 67
Peter Nolan,	462 92
Henry Drake,	348 26
Charles Scott,	420 91
Horace Phillips,	406 90
Charles Caldwell,	449 80
Dennis Murphy,	420 91
Amount carried forward,	$6,513 87

Amount brought forward,	$6,513 87
Patrick Bradley,	363 15
Joseph Grant,	261 64
	$7,138 66

LABOR OUTSIDE OF ROAD COMPANY.

Cornelius Dailey,	$19 22
A. B. Anderson, work on Morse bridge,	31 43
" " " Dailey brook bridge,	12 50
" " " for wall side of Snell land, Grove street,	25 63
A. B. Anderson, for wall side of Dr. Remick's land, Grove street,	26 58
A. B. Anderson, for street well and laying pipe on Oliver street,	6 00
N. P. Pierson, for wall on Depot street,	41 59
Joseph Grant, work on roads,	36 75
F. H. Williams, care of horses,	5 49
B. A. Smith, mowing bushes,	16 43
Luther Smith " "	1 75
John O. Dean, men and teams scraping roads,	74 00
C. E. Randall and team, raking roads,	39 00
H. H. Andrews, " "	18 75
F. Nickerson, " "	19 50
Will Randall, " "	8 25
Wm. T. Harding, " "	19 50
Mike Brophy, " "	1 50
John Clapp, " "	75
Wm. Harvey, " "	6 75
	$411 37

BLACKSMITHING AND REPAIRS.

S. D. Simpson & Son, 1896 bill,	$66 68
S. D. Simpson & Son,	105 25
J. H. Dailey,	100 50
C. A. Wheaton,	46 90
J. E. Adams,	10 60
M. N. DeWitt,	67 53
F. A. Conant,	27 18
J. Truax, 1896 bill,	16 45
	$441 09

GRAVEL PAID FOR IN 1897.

J. E. Dean,	1,073 loads,	$53 65
E. R. Hayward,	223 "	11 15
Mrs. W. H. Smith,	831 "	41 55
F. F. Marshall,	268 "	13 40
Mrs. L. A. Reed,	518 "	25 90
Mrs. R. J. Nye,	322 "	16 10
Robert Birnie,	264 "	13 20
F. C. Pratt,	251 "	12 55
J. C. Leighton,	250 "	12 50
		$200 00

GRAIN ACCOUNT.

D. J. Dineen & Co.,	$9 28
J. O. Dean & Co.,	321 75
	$331 03

HAY ACCOUNT.

J. O. Dean & Co.,	$293 83
E. R. Hayward,	27 88
H. D. Phillips,	17 45
L. L. Berry,	119 00
L. E. Gilmore,	1 00
J. C. Goward,	2 57
	$461 73

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

D. J. Dineen, store bill,	$16 17
E. R. Hayward, rent of stable,	4 00
L. L. Berry, " "	48 00
L. E. Gilmore, " "	4 00
O. Ames & Sons Corp., store bill 1896,	7 51
" " " " "	6 19
H. Y. Mitchell, " "	8 00
E. B. Hayward, road plans and bounds,	88 65
Wm. Cranston, use of derick,	9 00
P. O. Hardy, paint and labor on railing,	10 82
G. H. DeWitt, lumber for railing,	6 93
O. Ames & Sons Corp., oil and supplies for crusher 3 years,	24 21
O. Ames & Sons Corp., power for crusher, 2 years,	152 00
A. B. Anderson, 76 feet 8 in. drain-pipe and cement,	16 70
Amount carried forward,	$402 18

Amount brought forward,	$402 18
G. G. Withington, store bill 1896,	11 55
" " " " 1897,	2 15
Dr. G. A. Clark, services,	3 00
O. Ames & Sons Corp., for shovels,	13 99
	$432 87

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Town appropriation for repairs,	$6,000 00
" " " tools,	400 00
Income from Ames bequest,	1,515 00
Received from appropriation for snow,	350 00
" " Brockton St. R. R. for snow.	81 00
	$8,346 00

Expenditures.

Labor of road company,	$7,138 66
" outside of road company,	411 37
Blacksmithing and repairs,	441 09
Gravel paid for in 1897,	200 00
Grain bought in 1897,	333 03
Hay bought in 1897,	461 73
Sundries account,	432 87
	$9,418 75

N. B.—The labor by the road company on snow is included in the above account.

Of the above bills, $803.58 have not been paid by the Treasurer.

The building of the electric railroad from Brockton to Taunton, through the easterly part of the town, and the relocation and widening of Grove and Depot streets for the accommodation of the electric road, has been the occasion of very much extra labor and expense over the appropriation of that purpose; which we think will prove a wise outlay for your money, as the electric is away from the usual travel of the roads.

No income has been received from the half of our fund invested in the preferred stock of the General Electrics Company. Those best acquainted with these securities, think the time will soon come when we shall receive in full the back interest due us.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. McCARTHY,
THOMAS F. LADD,
JOHN O. DEAN,
Commissioners,

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN . OF . EASTON

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBERT T. CONROY, *Chairman.* WILLIAM H. AMES, *Secretary.*

LINCOLN S. DRAKE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EDWARD B. MAGLATHLIN.

NAMES OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR 1897.

High.	MAITLAND C. LAMPREY.
"	HENRIETTA WINCHESTER.
"	ETTA A. SEAVER.
"	ANNIE J. FAIRCHILD.
No. 1.	LOUISE G. MARSHALL.
"	GERTRUDE A. CANEGALY.
"	JULIA A. WALSH.
No. 2.	LIZZIE S. CAVANAUGH.
No. 3.	ADA E. LEONARD.
Union.	CARRIE A. KEITH.
"	ANNA C. KNIGHT.
"	JENNIE M. BELCHER.
"	MABEL HUNT.
"	JENNIE B GEDDES.
No. 6.	FLORENCE I. WILLIAMS.
"	JENNIE B. GEDDES.
"	EDNA THOMPSON.
"	MALVINA A. BENNETT.
No. 7.	THE SUPERINTENDENT, *ex-officio.*
"	HELEN L. DRAKE.
"	MARY A. STONE.
"	JOSIE F. BARTON.
"	MYRA L. MORSE.
"	MARY J. REYNOLDS.
No. 7.	LIZZIE E. MORSE.
"	FRANCES A. HIGGINBOTTOM.
"	CLARA L. KING.
"	JULIA A. REARDON.
"	ANNIE F. LINCOLN.
"	EMMA A. LEACH.
"	MINNIE F. CONLEY.
"	MARIA E. MURPHY.
"	LIZZIE M. CLARK.
"	MARY F. HARLOW.
No. 8.	CLARA A. DRAKE.
"	ELLA L. DICKERMAN.
No. 9.	FANNIE A. BIRNIE.
"	KATE J. LYONS.
No. 10.	EDNA THOMPSON.
"	HARRIET V. STONE.
Evening School.	EDWARD S. COLTON, JR.
	WALTER L. SMITH.
Kindergarten.	NETTIE L. WITHINGTON.
	LETITIA BIRD.
Normal Training Class.	LIZZIE E. MORSE.

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

J. E. SHEPARDSON, *Music.*
ORA STRANGE, *Drawing.*
JENNIE BAILEY, *Drawing.*
E. S. COLTON, JR., *Writing.*
W. L. SMITH, *Writing.*
ETTA F. ANDREWS, *Sewing.*
M. EVA CLEMENTS, *Sewing.*
MARY E. KING, *Sewing.*
SUSAN P. CHOATE, *Sloyd.*
MARY C. MITCHELL, *Cooking.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Easton:

We submit the following report for the year 1897, and call special attention to the detailed report of the Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS.

Number of scholars of all ages enrolled in the School Registers,	1,052
Number of children in town, May 1st, 1897, between the ages of five and fifteen,	841
Number enrolled between the ages of eight and fourteen years,	594
Number enrolled over fifteen years of age,	76
Number enrolled under five years of age,	64

APPROPRIATIONS.

We request that the following sums be appropriated for the support of the schools in 1898:—

For salaries,	$13,000
Fuel,	1,200
Care of schoolhouses,	1,350
Supplies and sundries,	1,000
Repairs,	1,000
Furniture,	200
Text books,	800
Transportation,	1,300
Evening School,	500

These appropriations aggregate nine hundred dollars less than those of last year.

It will be necessary to make the following repairs and changes:

At District Number 1, the ceiling and walls of the upper room must be patched and either kalsomined or painted.

At Unionville, more direct radiating surface will have to be put in, as the indirect system is not sufficient to heat the rooms properly in severe weather. Double windows are also necessary on the South and East windows. When this is done, the trouble that was experienced this winter should not occur again if the heating plant is properly managed. The cellar at present has only a dirt floor, which should be cemented or a wooden floor laid. At present the children use it as a play-room in wet weather and the dust and dirt is trampled and sifted over the entire building.

At Easton Furnace a roof should be built over the entrance to the building, there being no shelter from the rain there.

At District Number 7 new blackboards are necessary in some of the rooms.

There has been some trouble in properly heating some of the rooms in the Oliver Ames High School. This has been thoroughly investigated by the architects and heating experts, and changes will be made in the top of the ventilating shafts, which we hope will give satisfactory results. The town will not be put to any expense in this matter.

There has been much adverse criticism regarding the course of studies in our schools; that certain fundamental studies do not have time enough devoted to them. This in a measure is true, as we are compelled by law to devote a certain amount of time to other studies, which necessarily takes some of the time that could be given with advantage to the fundamental studies. The remedy rests with the citizens of the State.

A comparison has been made with towns of about our population, as well as with larger towns with advantages similar to ours, and we are pleased to state that the amount of time devoted to the fundamental studies is exceedingly favorable to us, and much better than the average. A complete list of our studies and the time devoted to each, will be found in the report of the Superintendent of Schools.

ROBERT T. CONROY, *Chairman,*
L. S. DRAKE,
WM. H. AMES, *Secretary.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent of the Public Schools would submit his report for the year 1897. It is his seventh report, and the twelfth in the series of annual reports by the Superintendent of the Public Schools of this town.

THE CORPS OF TEACHERS.

In fifteen of our twenty-three schools there have been no changes in the teaching force. The following is the record of appointments and resignations :—

APPOINTMENTS.

Annie J. Fairchild, Second Assistant in the High School.
Julia A. Walsh, Assistant in District No. 1.
Mabel Hunt, Assistant, Union Primary School.
Jennie B. Geddes, Assistant, Union Grammar School.
Malvina A. Bennett, Teacher in District No. 6.
Lizzie M. Clark, Assistant in District No. 7.

RESIGNATIONS.

Etta A. Seaver, Second Assistant in the High School.
Jennie M. Belcher, Assistant, Union Primary School.
Florence I. Williams, Teacher in District No. 6.
Josephine F. Barton, Teacher, D Grade, No. 7 Grammar School.
Myra L. Morse, Teacher, E Grade, No. 7 Grammar School.
Mary F. Harlow, Assistant in District No. 7.

The High School sustained a great loss by the resignation of Miss Seaver—a lady of rare culture, accurate and discrim-

inating scholarship, and fine ability as an instructor and disciplinarian.

Miss Barton, who taught the D Grade of the North Easton Grammar School for ten successive years, was favorably regarded by school officers and esteemed by associate teachers. Her long, faithful and efficient service is worthy of record.

Miss Morse gave an excellent service of two years in the E Grade of District No. 7.

Miss Belcher, after three years of good work in the Union Primary Schools, resigned to teach for a higher salary in Winchester.

Miss Williams taught successfully the school in her own district, No. 6.

Miss Harlow had taught for several years in the schools of Unionville and North Easton, proving herself a painstaking, conscientious teacher.

ATTENDANCE.

The average attendance has been excellent. The following table gives the summary of perfect attendance for the past seven years :—

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
Number of pupils perfect in attendance every half-day for three terms, ...	3	14	17	28	11	20	14
Number of pupils perfect in attendance every half-day for two terms, ...	22	59	66	62	53	59	40
Number of pupils perfect in attendance every half-day for one term	95	155	177	145	137	172	199
Total number of terms of perfect attendance, ...	148	315	360	353	276	350	321

To obtain these totals, the first series was multiplied by three and the second series by two.

THE COURSE OF STUDIES.

Outlines of the various subjects pursued in our elementary schools, have been published for several years in the annual reports. During the past year these outlines have been carefully revised and brought together in a pamphlet for the use of teachers.

The Courses of Instruction for the High School were revised by the Superintendent and Faculty and these were published in the same document with the elementary course.

Algebra, which has been, heretofore, a required study in the High School, should be made an optional study, because it is now taught successfully in the common schools. Only a small percentage of scholars ever use algebra after leaving school.

Latin, which is optional throughout the entire High School Course, ought to be a required study for the first year; for the reason that a knowledge of the Latin language is a most valuable aid to the perfect understanding of the English Grammar.

The hope and aim of our public schools is to make good citizens. Nothing is better calculated to do this than the pursuit of studies in the *English Language* and *Literature* under the guidance of wise teachers. As the Curriculum of the High School is now arranged, and with the options allowed, it is possible for scholars to take a full course of four years without giving attention to the English subjects.

It is recommended, therefore, that on and after September first, 1898, all candidates for a High School Diploma shall be required to complete the studies in American and English Literature.

Neither Greek, nor any other subject, should be accepted

as a substitute for systematic, thorough, comprehensive instruction in the Mother Tongue.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The end of education as applied to the individual, is to realize the old Roman ideal of a sound mind in a sound body. Mental vigor and physical soundness are closely related. No course of training in our schools should include the one and omit the other. Teachers must give especial attention to the health conditions of their school rooms—pure air, even temperature, proper light, suitable seats and desks and whatever may promote the comfort and well-being of their pupils.

In large graded schools, like those in North Easton, where whole classes are obliged to sit through long periods, it is of vital importance that regular calisthenic exercises be given —not so much for muscular developement, as for the correction of faulty positions which often produce round shoulders, curved spines, narrow chests, and, by reducing lung capacity, retard the circulation and diminish vitality.

The Trustees of the Oakes Ames Fund are contemplating the appointment of a special teacher of physical culture.

THE EVENING SCHOOL.

This school has approved itself as a desirable, if not an absolutely essential part, of our educational system. The attractive list of studies, together with the pleasant and commodious apartments provided in the No. 7 school building, secured a regular and prompt attendance, with an average membership larger than that of the previous year. It

would be well to introduce mechanical drawing, especially as several deserving scholars have asked for it. Provision can be made for teaching this subject without exceeding the usual appropriation.

By a recent law, school committees of towns maintaining free evening schools are authorized to employ competent persons to deliver lectures on the natural sciences, history and kindred subjects. Notwithstanding the lack of any available funds for this purpose, the school was favored by two very interesting talks with electrical experiments, by the Principal of the High School, whose "labors of love" are sincerely appreciated.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

It is necessary that teachers shall be specially trained for their work. We cannot have good schools without good teachers. We have several excellent and thoroughly capable teachers who have not received a college or normal school diploma. But these are exceptional persons. There are similar exceptions in other professions. The rule holds true, nevertheless, that high, professional qualifications are needed by, and should be demanded of, those who have charge of the education of children. The function of the local training school is to afford additional opportunities for observation and practice by those who have received pedagogical instruction. It should supplement rather than take the place of a normal school education.

Shall we not conclude that a normal school diploma or a satisfactory equivalent should be insisted upon as a prerequisite for admission to the training school?

The members of the present class are Ethel H. Copeland

and Caroline T. Drake, who are both graduates of our High School of four years. Miss Copeland trained for a year in the Boston Kindergarten Training School, and is now assistant in the North Easton Kindergarten. Miss Drake, who received a year's instruction in the Bridgewater State Normal School, is substitute teacher at No. 7.

THE FLAG DAYS.

Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895 provides that school committees shall furnish all public schools with national flags. It is not wise to hoist the flag on every school day. By reducing all days to a common dead level, the sight of the flag kindles no enthusiasm, and fails to arouse that busy inquisitiveness of children which gives the zest of pleasure to historical study. Accordingly, the teachers were directed to display the flag on great anniversaries, that it might have the deep significance of an emblem of noble names and deeds.

With the permission of Mrs. Ames, the birthday of Gov. Ames has been included in the list of Flag Days for the public schools of Easton. Mr. Ames was born in Easton, Feb. 4, 1831, attended the public schools and for 12 years served on the Board of School Committee. For the three years during which he filled the office of chief magistrate of the Commonwealth, he was President of the State Board of Education. The gift to his native town of the High School building which bears his name, crowned a life of usefulness and honor. In a recent letter, Mrs. Ames said: "I feel that it was the kindest motive that prompted your thought of Mr. Ames. . . . . I am certainly willing to have my husband's birthday in the list of Flag Days. . . . . If

any flags are required at any of the schools, I shall be pleased to present them if you will give me the dimensions."

The Superintendent extended thanks to Mrs. Ames for her proffered kindness, and assured her that it would be very gratifying to the citizens of Easton to have the natal day of Governor Ames observed by our public schools.

Attention is invited to the Appendix, which contains special reports, financial statements, and tabulated statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. MAGLATHLIN,
Superintendent of Schools.

EASTON, Mass., Feb, 3, 1898.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF FLAG DAYS

FOR THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EASTON.

Jan.	1.	Emancipation Day.
"	8.	Jackson's Day.
"	15.	Unionists captured Fort Fisher.
"	17.	Franklin's Birthday.
Feb.	4.	Birthday of Oliver Ames. Born in Easton, 1831. Governor of Massachusetts, 1887-88-89.
"	6.	Ratification by Mass. of the U. S. Constitution.
"	12.	Lincoln's Birthday.
"	22.	Washington's Birthday.
March	4.	Constitution of the United States went into effect.
"	12.	Grant made Commander of the Union Army.
"	17.	Evacuation of Boston by the British.
"	21.	Perry's treaty with Japan.
April	2.	Jefferson's Birthday.
"	9.	Lee's Surrender.
"	19.	Battle of Lexington.
"	30.	The Louisiana Purchase.
May	7.	Beginning of Sherman's March to the Sea.
"	24.	First telegraphic message.
"	30.	Memorial Day. (Flag at half mast.)
June	14.	U. S. Flag adopted by Congress.
"	15.	Mass. Constitution adopted. Washington made Commander-in-Chief.
"	17.	Battle of Bunker Hill.
July	3.	Union victory at Gettysburg.
"	4.	The Nation's Birthday.
"	28.	Fourteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the U. S.
Sept.	5.	First Continental Congress.
"	17.	U. S. Constitution adopted.

Oct.	12.	America discovered.
"	17.	Burgoyne's Surrender.
"	19.	Cornwallis's Surrender.
"	21.	The launching of "Old Ironsides."
Nov.	21.	The Compact of the Mayflower.
"	25.	Evacuation of New York by the British.
"	30.	Treaty of peace; close of Revolutionary War.
Dec.	1.	Incorporation of Easton.
"	16.	Boston Tea Party.
"	21.	Landing of the Pilgrims.
"	24.	The Treaty of Ghent.

MOTTO.

"Where Honor Leads."

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1897,

OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL,

Thursday Evening, June 24, 1897, at 8 o'clock.

PROGRAM.

PIANO SOLO,—"Constellation," . . . . . *Schonbrun*

ORATION,—"Solved and Unsolved Problems."
Joseph R. Clarke.

QUARTETTE —"Joys of Spring," . . . . . *Geibel*
Misses Keith and Leach. Messrs. McNamara and Clarke.

CLASS PROPHECY.
Ethel Frances Packard.

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES.
Rev. John P. Forbes.

SONG —"In the Forest," . . . . . *Mendelssohn*
Misses Randall, Keith, Mahoney, Bennett, Leach, Drake.

ORATION WITH VALEDICTORY,—"National Characteristics."
William Francis McNamara.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.
Robert T. Conroy, Esq.

SONG,—"Auf Weidersehn," . . . . . *Bailey*
Class.

GRADUATES.

Four Years' Course.

Malvina Adelaide Bennett.
Joseph Russell Clarke.
Jean Harrison Congdon,
Mary E. Cunningham.
Harriet Rebecca Drake.
Edward Eugene Gifford.
Margaret Elizabeth Harvey.
Eldred Abbot Hayward.
Lucy Estelle Keith,
Elizabeth R. Leach.
Leon Edward Maglathlin.
Margaret Elizabeth Mahoney.
William Francis McNamara.
Ethel Frances Packard.
Jennie Mildred Phelan.
Edith May Randall.

Three Years' Course.

Edward J. Scanlon.
Frank E. Galligan.

High School Courses of Instruction.

FIRST YEAR.

Fall Term.	*Winter Term.*	*Spring Term.*
1. Latin.	1. Latin.	1. Latin.
2. Business Course.	1. Business Course.	2. Business Course.
3. Algebra.	3. Algebra.	3. Algebra.
4. Physiology.	4. Physiology.	4. Physical Geography.

SECOND YEAR.

Fall Term.	*Winter Term.*	*Spring Term.*
1. Latin.	1. Latin.	1. Latin.
2. Rhetoric.	2. Rhetoric.	2. Botany.
3. Geometry.	3. Geometry.	3. Geometry.
4. American Literature.	4. American Literature.	4. English Literature.

THIRD YEAR.

Fall Term.	*Winter Term.*	*Spring Term.*
1. Latin.	1. Latin.	1. Latin.
2. General History.	2. General History.	2. General History.
3. Physics.	3. Physics.	3. Physics.
4. English Literatuie	4. Shakespeare.	4. Civil Government.

FOURTH YEAR.

Fall Term.	*Winter Term.*	*Spring Term.*
1. Latin.	1. Latin.	1. Latin.
2. French.	2. French.	2. French.
3. Chemistry.	3. Chemistry.	3. Psychology.
4. Geology.	4. Astronomy.	4. Political Economy.

Pupils are expected to take three subjects each term.

In each course regular lessons are given in Rhetoricals, Music, and Drawing.

Appropriate diplomas will be awarded to those who complete either THREE or FOUR years of study.

Only graduates of the *longer course* will be eligible for membership in the *Normal Training School*.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EASTON, MASS.

I. In Relation to the Teachers.

Section 1. Teachers shall, in all cases, be elected by the School Committee.

Sect. 2. Whenever a teacher, in any school, is temporarily absent, the Superintendent may appoint a substitute, to be selected from the list of candidates approved by the Committee.

Sect. 3. In June, annually, the Superintendent shall recommend the amount of salary to be paid to each teacher, and the Committee shall then fix the salaries for the year, commencing on the first day of September next ensuing.

Sect. 4. Teachers shall be present fifteen minutes before the school session begins, and shall observe a strict punctuality in the opening and closing of their schools.

Sect. 5. Whenever teachers are unable to attend to their duties they shall immediately notify the Superintendent.

Sect. 6. The discipline to be maintained in the schools shall be such as is exercised by a kind and thoughtful parent. Teachers may detain pupils for a reasonable time after the close of a school session for the purpose of discipline, or to make up for failures in recitation. All cases of corporal punishment shall be recorded and submitted in a monthly report to the Superintendent.

Sect. 7. For continued and stubborn resistance to authority, a teacher may suspend a scholar, and shall report the case to the Superintendent, at the same time giving notice to the parent or guardian.

Sect. 8. For every case of absence, tardiness, or dismission from school before the close of a session, a written excuse may be required of the parent or guardian.

Sect. 6. In any building where there is more than one teacher, or more than one school, the principal teacher, or the teacher of the

highest grade, shall have special charge of the building and grounds and shall have supervision of the conduct of pupils on the stairs, in the corridors, and in the school yard.

II. In Relation to the Pupils.

Section 1. No child under five years of age shall be admitted to the public schools except by permission of the Superintendent.

Sect. 2. No new classes will be formed in the lowest grade, except at the commencement of the school term.

Sect. 3. Children whose parents or guardians are non-residents shall be admitted to the schools only by the consent of the Committee.

Sect. 4. Whenever a pupil defaces any part of the school premises, or injures any school property, he shall be liable for all damages.

III. The School Calendar.

Section 1. The Scholastic Year shall commence on the second Monday in September. The fall term shall continue fifteen weeks. The winter term shall commence on the first Monday in January and continue twelve weeks. The Spring term shall commence on the first Tuesday in April and continue twelve weeks.

Sect. 2. In addition to the legal holidays, the schools may be closed on one day of the Agricultural Fair at Brockton; on two days of each year for the purpose of allowing teachers to visit schools, or to attend educational meetings; and on the day following Thanksgiving.

The High School may be closed during the session of the Annual March Meeting. No school shall be suspended on any other day, except on some sudden emergency, without permission of the Committee or Superintendent.

Sect. 3. The morning session of the High School shall continue from 8.45 to 12 o'clock; and the afternoon session from 1.15 to 3 o'clock. For all other schools the morning session shall begin not later than fifteen minutes past nine o'clock, and shall continue not less than two and one-half hours, exclusive of recesses; and the afternoon session shall begin not later than thirty minutes past one o'clock, and shall continue not less than two hours, exclusive of recesses.

Sect. 4. The time of opening and closing the sessions in any school shall not be changed during a term without the approval of the Superintendent.

Report of the Teacher of the Evening School.

MR. MAGLATHLIN:

My dear Sir:—The Evening School has been in session thirty evenings, from Oct. 4th to Dec. 17th, 1897, three evenings each week. A marked difference is noticed in the number of thirty-nine who registered for evening school work this year, from the number beginning one year ago when over eighty applied for admittance to the class.

The reasons for this difference are many and varied, but as is always customary when such schools are opened for the first time, the entering classes are abnormally large; they soon decrease, however, after a knowledge of the requirements shows that considerable outside time must be devoted to study if success would be attained.

The total number registered was thirty-nine and if we were to consider that as the class membership, we would find the attendance to average fifteen and one-third per evening, or thirty-nine and three-tenths per cent., but since several members came only one evening, and some ten attended but the first three or four sessions, while at the end of the tenth evening some seventeen had left on account of their inability to attend regularly or obtain time to prepare their work, it seems that the membership should be considered as twenty-two, which is the actual number who have remained registered, and at that rate the attendance per evening will average twenty and ten-elevenths or ninety-five per cent.

The class consists of both sexes, who are variously em-

ployed in some ten different trades. The average age is twenty-seven and eight-fifteenths.

The studies pursued are Penmanship, Bookkeeping, Arithmetic, Correspondence, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, and English Grammar with composition and essay work.

The results in the penmanship class are very gratifying. In several cases the writing is so changed that the pupils hardly know their old writing, or would believe that such changes could take place with so few lessons.

One of the pupils remarked that if she did not know how to write at all, it would be easier to learn to use the so-called muscular movement, but that it seemed impossible to overcome the old habits and use the better and easier methods. That is the hardest work of the instructor in penmanship; as it requires much study and patience to break up the old hand before the pupil can make any perceptible advancement. It is for this reason that the scholars in our graded schools seem to go backward during the first term, as is often remarked by the parents; but, muscular movement once acquired, the pupil has fought half the battle and with practice can soon become expert with the pen.

The Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Grammar and Spelling classes are doing good work, while the work in Mental Arithmetic would be interesting and possibly surprising to our townspeople, if they would venture to visit one of our evening sessions.

The correspondence and essay writing is considered most beneficial by the scholars and is the most interesting and enjoyable work.

During the term the teacher has introduced some short talks or lectures intended to interest and enlighten the minds of the pupils on various subjects, and to help break up any

likelihood of monotony in the work of the school. Mr. Lamprey very kindly gave an interesting and helpful lecture upon electricity with the x-ray machine. This lecture being so beneficial we are to use it as the subject of an essay in the Correspondence class.

Some effort has been brought to bear to lighten the labors of the pupils and not lower the standard of work, so the new year will open with two evenings each week instead of three, the term extending slightly longer in the spring. By this arrangement it is hoped more pupils may be induced to join the class.

The students whose attendance and application to study reach the required average will be presented with a certificate.

The steady application to work and regular attendance of the majority of the pupils have made it advisable to raise the standard and requirements in some branches of the work. Sincere thanks are due to the school officers for the new and commodious quarters so well supplied with heat and light.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. COLTON, JR.

Easton, Jan. 1, 1898.

Summarized Reports of Special Instruction.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OAKES AMES BEQUEST.

PENMANSHIP.

The work in penmanship in the C and D Primary grades has been full of good results, but not without much patient work by the teachers. The pupils have learned to write the small letters and some small words in the D Primary with study on letter formation, slant and position in both C and D. The position of the body and holding the pencil are quite good and the bright faces during the writing lessons show the interest and pleasure which the little scholars take in the work.

B Primary class has acquired good letter formation and with steady application of movement exercises will be prepared for penwork next year.

A Primary has for the first time taken up the use of pen and ink, and the manner in which the pupils manage the ink shows that no mistake has been made in beginning to use these materials in this grade. The use of spaced paper for small letter formation, and plain paper for exercise work is resulting in free movement and good letter forms. In all four primary grades the position of the body and hand seems to be the greatest trial, but as soon as a free motion

of the arm is acquired, the work will become a pleasure.

In the F Grammar classes the work principally has been to create a free, muscular movement, and in so doing the writing of the pupil does not present as good a general appearance as when writing with pencil, but there is a period during the first half year at this age, when the old hand is breaking up and giving way to a free and easier motion. It is during this change, when the pupil does not seem able to write well, that his confidence wavers, and at this point all the energies of the teacher are brought to bear to encourage the scholar to abandon the old tracing method and give way to free muscular motion. When this is accomplished the lessons become easier and the pupil regains confidence in his own ability.

D and E Grammar have devoted much time to developing muscular movement and considerable advancement is noticed. Good position of the arm and wrist has not yet been fully acquired, but with constant watchfulness this fault will soon be overcome.

C Grammar has made rapid strides in penmanship. The muscular movement has been quite well mastered and the hearty manner in which the pupils and teachers enter into the work is deserving of note. Another term will find the formation of letters well developed in addition to the easy motion now obtained.

In all the grades the co-operation of the teachers has been of the greatest help to the instructor and adds much to the success of the pupil. The presence of the regular teacher during the penmanship lesson does away with the need of frequent teachers' meetings, as the teachers are enabled to share the benefit of the weekly instruction.

B Grammar with one lesson a week is progressing slowly,

and it would seem that it was too small an amount of time to devote to the study, were it not for the fact that all written work is done with pen and ink, and must be up to the general standard; the delinquents having the benefit of a few private lessons with the instructor of penmanship,

A Grammar has been doing very fine work in penmanship and book-keeping, and constant practice will show a marked improvement at the end of the year.

The High School class in penmanship has made such improvement as to encourage all to attain to the high standard set for them. Some pupils find that in one term's work, this writing has no semblance whatever to their first efforts, and, if such improvement continues throughout the year, the class will not regret the energy expended. It is cautioned that the scholars avoid the too constant use of pencils for much use of pencils tends to injure the handwriting.

In connection with the work in penmanship and book-keeping, exercises in business arithmetic are given every week and many short, useful methods of using figures are practised. There are also weekly lessons in the spelling of mercantile words. Mental arithmetic occupies a share of the time in sharpening the intellect and making quick thinking possible. Commercial law is pursued for one term and the fundamental laws and peculiar commercial customs are studied and applied.

DRAWING.

For more than a quarter of a century drawing has been a required subject in the public school course, and has long ago proven its value as a means of developing and informing the child's mind. Methods have been continually changing and improving, the aim being constantly toward a deeper

appreciation of the beauties in art and nature, combined with a more free and individual expression. The ideal course is being more nearly realized every year. Still, even now, it would be presumptuous for an art teacher to shout "Eureka!" as he displays his logically consistent and carefully graded course, as near perfection as the foremost minds among art educators can make it. The vital principle of life is growth and no course of drawing is healthful, and therefore health-giving, which is not each year changed somewhat, and at the same time enriched, as the experience and judgment of the teacher direct.

The different phases of drawing are developed during the school year in the seasons best adapted to them. Last September when the boys and girls came back from the free life of the summer vacation an easy transition to school life was effected by introducing them to the study of color and plant forms. The sketches of grasses and sedges with the little ones and of flowers, small plants and sprays with the older children were the results of the study of the growth, movement and spirit of the specimens. Technical treatment and methods are entirely subordinate to character drawing. Only a few hints are given about mixing colors and the use of the brush, and more time is spent in the study of the delicate or vigorous, fresh or sere qualities of the specimens. The children love this work and their efforts have repaid us for giving them paints. Color is the greatest charm of drawing with the children. It advances their work nearer the truth of the appearance of the object, for the truth of both form and color can be told. The use of the brush gives freedom and accuracy, as nothing can be erased, every mark standing as witness to a pupil's first impressions.

Alternating with the nature drawing were lessons in color. Standards, hues and tones in the primary grades, and harmonies in the grammar grades were the objects for study. The application of the knowledge gained consisted in collecting samples of cloth, leaves and feathers which had colors like the ones learned and mounting these with matched papers on the sheets of drawing paper. Will not such a study give an intelligent knowledge of color, the ability to refer a tone to its class, pleasure in observing the glorious variety, and appreciation of the subtile harmonies which color everywhere displays? When necessity or desire requires it, will not the child have the power to select suitable colors and combinations, either in designs at school or in his own clothing or house furnishings?

The next subject was unconventional or naturalistic design, with plant forms for themes. This is not only the most aesthetic phase of the course, as it generates the true artistic feeling, but it is also the most far-reaching, in that it is the first step toward pictorial composition. In the primary grades it consists simply in arrangements of one or more grasses in oblongs and circles, each pupil composing his own arrangement. In the upper grades the designs were governed by a knowledge of some of the elements which produce artistic effects, as rythm and contrast of shape and size, and the proper relation of space divisions. The arrangements were made for cards, screens, head and tail pieces for magazine articles and book covers, and collections were made and mounted of such designs cut from magazines and papers. The children are enthusiastic over these collections; some brought over a hundred clippings and generously shared with those who had few.

A design for a border or a surface with units chosen from

nature completed the autumn work. These were governed by the requirements and restrictions of printed and stamped goods. This work is only one of the many means of showing to the children the importance and position of drawing in the business world, as almost no one of the innumerable objects which surround us and minister to our enjoyment and comfort could be made without first having been expressed by a drawing.

After Thanksgiving we entered upon the winter's work, form study in the lower grades and pictorial drawing in the upper. There is no subject which calls for closer observation and which shows more plainly incorrect or careless work than model drawing. It is the foundation stone on which all art training must be built to endure. If model drawing is taken out of the course, the whole beautiful super-structure of freedom, appreciation and individuality for which we are striving will crumble to the ground. The subject has been enriched by composing groups of objects which are harmoniously related to each other and by collections of pictures which illustrate the principle of perspective studied in the various grades. The first year class in the high school is reviewing the principles and making shaded pencil drawings, which indicate the light and shade and texture of the objects. The second and third year classes are using charcoal as a medium. The masses of light and shade with their values and gradations are indicated first, before the form is perfected, in opposition to the hard, false way of filling in outlines. We wish to instil in the pupil the idea that the medium is of the least consequence, and the expression of the character of the subject and the effect to be produced everything. The high school has a collection of small Japanese bric-a-brac, but some larger jars and vases

are much needed and also pieces of woven goods of various materials.

The principles of composition are learned not only from the groups but from the study of photographs of celebrated paintings. We have purchased this year a set of twenty-nine photographs some of which are carbonettes and platinum prints. All are mounted on tinted boards which harmonize with the tone of the picture. A picture lesson in the primary grades is a conversation between pupils and teacher about the story of the picture. In the upper grades the story with its meaning and sentiment are interpreted and the means which the artist employed to best express these are discovered.

Interesting facts about the artist and his works are noted and in the next lesson the pupil shows how much he has learned by a short written review. Picture study ultimately has an influence on the morals. The books our boys and girls read and the pictures they look upon are strong elements that mould their plastic characters. A love for beautiful and elevating pictures, as well as a love for good books, should be the best gifts with which we should desire our children to be endowed.

The last new feature introduced was drawing from life. The children are not only willing but delighted to pose for each other and although never flattered by their pictures, do not feel hurt. The first nine grades use brush in monochrome as this encourages a large drawing and discourages study of unimportant details. The high school classes use pencil and charcoal. All are zealous in their work. Drawing from life is the most natural means of expression with the young, and will no doubt eventually take the place of

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much of the form study which is not so easily assimilated by the child mind.

The work for March and April will be structural design. A study of the causes which produce beauty in forms is the best means for cultivating a taste for beautiful forms and giving a standard to which all constructions can be referred. The people of the coming generation will be able to choose better furniture, clothing and colors than do those of the present.

The work of May and June will be conventional design with examples for study chosen from the historic schools of ornament, from geometric and from plant forms. The value and use of conventional design has been proven by the ages. It offers scope for the greatest originality.

One feature which characterizes all the work done by the pupils, whether mounting or drawing, is the arrangement of the parts of the sheet. It is the desire that each completed sheet should be as perfect in arrangement as the pupils can make it, with all the details of name, grade and margin of the most appropriate size and in the most suitable position.

It will be seen that mechanical drawing is conspicuous by its absence from the course. Although it is not studied as an object by itself, it is, however, treated as a means of producing and representing the structural design. Mechanical drawing as a distinct phase is slowly but surely departing to its exclusive place in manual training.

SLOYD.

The total number of sloyd pupils enrolled for the year was one hundred and eighty-five.

Number of models made, one hundred and ten. The re-

sult of the second year's work was even more satisfactory than that of the first.

Excellent work was done and the interest has been well sustained; one proof of which is, that many of the boys voluntarily gave their play time to the sloyd in order to keep abreast of their classmates.

It is to be regretted that not all of the classes can receive two hours instruction a week for the sloyd. At the commencement of the fall term one class was so large that it was necessary to divide it, one-half going to the sloyd room each week, and the two hour classes were also obliged to go on alternate weeks, thus averaging only one hour a week, which is a very short time for manual training.

Of necessity the general work is the same from year to year, though some new models have been introduced since the first year. Original work is encouraged, subject to certain restrictions. An invention by the pupil must contain only those exercises which he knows, and in the making he must use only those tools which he has previously used.

It is hoped that not only in the near future more time may be given, but that lathe work may be introduced for the benefit of the advanced boys.

A cordial invitation to visit the sloyd room is here given to the parents and friends of the school that they may see the work in operation.

THE SEWING SCHOOL.

One hundred and ninety-eight girls have received instruction in sewing.

The following is the list of articles made in 1897:

One hundred and twenty-eight pillow cases, 185 towels, 32 roller

towels, 103 ladies' aprons, 44 children's aprons, 1 Mother Hubbard apron, 1 sleeveless Mother Hubbard apron, 5 large aprons with sleeves and ruffle, 2 small sleeve aprons, 2 bolster cases, 4 tray cloths, 23 napkins, 13 handkerchiefs, 22 pairs drawers, 2 desk covers, 1 bag, 1 bib, 1 waist, 1 nightingale, 6 sack night dresses, 3 Mother Hubbard dresses, 1 ruffled Mother Hubbard dress, 1 pair sleeves, 3 dusters, 24 flannel skirts, 9 white cotton skirts, 1 yd. hemmed-stitched and whipped ruffle, 5 hemmed-stitched handkerchiefs, 4 hemmed-stitched aprons, 1 hemmed-stitched ruffle, 3 yds. ruffle—hemmed and gathered, 398 yds. plain hemming.

The pupils are expected to furnish their own materials, as all articles are taken to the homes of those who make them.

THE SCHOOL KITCHEN.

Sixty-six pupils have received instruction in cookery. The attendance has been very gratifying—averaging nearly 98 per cent. Practically the same course, as in former years, has been pursued. Boys are admitted to the cooking classes and they have shown as much interest as the girls.

Orderly arrangement and accuracy of details in other studies will result from the training received in the School Kitchen. There can be no doubt that the influence of this training, through the exercise of the judgment, the will, and the conscience, prepares the pupil for a truly successful life. The industry and progress of the classes and the enthusiasm of the pupils denote the excellent work that is being accomplished.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for salaries of Superintendent and teachers	$13,000 00
Appropriation for fuel,	1,200 00
" " care of schoolhouses,	1,350 00
" " supplies and sundries,	1,000 00
Income from Oliver Ames Fund,	1,515 00
Moiety of dog tax,	729 30
Tuition, Town of Stoughton,	16 00
" " Sharon,	24 00
" Harry T. Howard,	10 00
Materials sold,	5 00
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	1,605 29
Total amount available for 1897,	$20,454 59

EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES.

Mr. Lamprey,	$1,500 00
Miss Winchester,	650 00
" Seaver,	416 67
" Fairchild,	192 31
" Marshall,	450 00
" Canegaly,	351 00
" Walsh,	90 40
" Cavanaugh,	393 85
" Leonard,	312 00
Amount carried forward,	$4,356 23

Amount brought forward,	$4,356 23
Miss Keith,	450 00
" Knight,	390 00
" Belcher,	91 00
" Hunt,	174 65
" Geddes,	109 00
" Williams,	65 00
" Bennett,	60 00
Mr. Maglathlin,	1,300 00
Miss H. C. Drake,	469 23
" M. A. Stone,	519 23
" Barton,	450 00
" M. L. Morse,	393 85
" Higginbottom,	450 00
" King,	413 08
" Reardon,	469 23
" Lincoln,	351 00
" Leach,	312 00
" Conley,	288 00
" Murphy,	273 00
" Clark,	105 00
" Harlow,	75 00
" C. A. Drake,	413 08
" Dickerman,	327 00
" Birnie,	335 50
" Lyons,	250 50
" H. V. Stone,	288 00
Mr. Shepardson,	433 33
Mr. Smith,	103 48
Mr. Colton,	62 50
Oakes Ames Fund ¼ salary Drawing Teacher,	50 00
Substitutes,	110 95
	$15,058 07

FUEL.

H. W. King, wood, (1896)	$3 25
J. S. Wood, coal, (1896)	66 43
J. C. Goward, "	160 56
J. J. McCarthy, " (1896)	162 79
J. O. Dean & Co., " (1896–7)	860 67
Franklin Buck, wood,	8 00
Dennis Buck, "	6 00
Chester Buck, "	20 00
L. K. Wilbur, "	83 00
George Rollins, "	4 00
E. B. Hayward, "	44 70
	$1,419 40

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

High School,	$519 92
No. 1,	106 50
No. 2, (1896–7)	43 00
No. 3,	28 50
Union,	109 00
No. 6,	29 42
No. 7,	600 00
No. 8,	108 35
No. 9,	30 75
No. 10,	48 96
	$1,624 40

SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

Knott Apparatus Co., apparatus,	$89 95
O. Ames & Sons, supplies, (1896)	109 95
North Easton Water Works, High School and No. 7, (1896)	42 86
G. G. Withington, supplies, (1896)	20 23
G. S. Perry & Co., slate black boards, stationery, etc.,	478 79
J. L. Hammett Co., stationery, etc,,	100 28
Samuel Ward Co., " "	147 81
Jordan, Marsh & Co,, towelling and draperies for High School,	22 82
Lamprell & Marble, labor and materials, repairing flags,	11 60
W. N. Howard, simplex duplicator,	6 00
Easton Bulletin, printing,	12 75
Robinson's express,	16 35
J. J. O'Connor, maps,	80
Bernard Saxton, framing maps,	4 00
North Easton Water Works, High and No. 7,	162 97
Oliver Ames & Sons, supplies,	107 71
F. G. Keith, paid for washing towels, repairs on blackboards,	14 93
Bobrick Co., ink wells,	4 50
Silver, Burdett & Co., music paper,	4 93
Superintendent, postage, telegrams, carfares, supplies, school business out of town, etc.,	89 92
E. E. Babb & Co., stationery,	49 65
W. W. Hayward, tuning organs,	6 50
Amount carried forward,	$1,505 30

Amount brought forward,	$1,505 30
Dr. Harris, fumigating No. 10 schoolhouse,	15 00
Rand, McNally & Co., maps,	1 50
N. P. & B. Des. Exp., (Easton, South Easton, North Easton, Eastondale)	52 95
Etta A. Seaver, ribbons for diplomas,	1 00
M. C. Lamprey, paid expenses of speaker,	3 00
John McFarland, floral decorations,	5 00
Old Colony Piano Co., piano for High School graduation,	9 00
Oliver Ditson Co., music,	22 19
White Smith Co., music,	3 22
N. Easton Jobbing Shop, screens,	2 10
A. Mudge & Son, programmes and Course of Study,	75 00
Masten & Wells, bunting,	5 00
National Educational Association, Report of Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools,	25
Brockton Book Bindery, Courses of Study,	10 00
A. B. Anderson, removing ashes, High School,	10 00
Oakes Ames Fund, supplies,	58 37
H. Y. Mitchell, small supplies for No. 1,	3 82
Charles Kennedy, repairing globe, High School,	4 25
	$1,786 95

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources,		$20,454 59
Salaries,	$15,058 07	
Fuel,	1,419 40	
Care,	1,624 40	
Supplies,	1,786 95	
Expended to Dec. 31, 1897,		$19,888 82
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1898,		$565 77

TEXT BOOKS.

William Ware & Co., arithmetics, (1896)	$25 41
D. Appleton & Co., cyclopædias, (1896)	56 00
O. M. Powers, bookkeeping,	1 15
American Book Co., arithmetic, grammar, history, music, reading,	164 04
Allyn & Bacon, literature, Latin, history, French,	54 86
Leach, Shewell & Co., literature, grammar,	8 03
Funk & Wagnalls, cyclopædia of literature,	4 80
D. Appleton & Co., philosophy,	2 00
D. C. Heath & Co., geography, geology, penmanship,	30 91
Ginn & Co., reading, arithmetic,	14 90
Silver, Burdett & Co., charts, history, music, reading,	71 73
Thompson, Brown & Co., algebra,	5 62
E. E. Babb & Co., history, geography,	67 54
The Morse Co., reading, spelling, phonics,	55 64
Ed. Pub. Co., history, literature, reading,	30 58
J. L. Hammett, The Child World,	2 00
Werner School Co., primers,	7 68
Rand, McNally & Co., geography,	8 00
E. L. Kellogg & Co., pedagogics,	2 32
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., literature, history,	27 71
Western Publishing Co., reading, spelling,	7 88
Lee & Shepard, supplies, reading, geography, grammar,	24 09
J. Fischer & Bro., music,	6 00
Walter H. Baker, dialogues,	1 00
Amount carried forward,	$679 89

Amount brought forward,	$679 89
Wallace Foster, patriotic selections,	2 16
Boston School Supply Co., rhetoricals,	3 23
Penn. Pub. Co., rhetoricals,	10 00
Univ. Pub., readers,	9 81
Eaton & Manis, cyclopædias,	37 50
New Eng. Pub. Co., mechanics,	1 80
William Ware & Co., dictionaries,	7 95
T. H. Carter, history,	90
A. Lowell & Co., physiology,	70
F. S. Blanchard, civil government,	1 50
Brockton Book Bindery, books recovered,	24 00
	$779 44
Appropriation,	$800 00
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1897,	76 44
	$876 44
Expended to Dec. 31, 1897,	779 44
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1898,	$97 00

TRANSPORTATION.

H. A. Phillips,	120 40
H. E. Phillips,	250 80
E. N. Fisher,	533 40
J. J. McCarthy,	15 00
A. E. Bennett,	32 50
Amount carried forward,	$952 10

Amount brought forward,	$952 10
J. D. Bennett,	6 60
Florence King,	7 50
Leslie Tinkham,	7 50
Dennis O'Leary,	19 20
M. Alice McDermott,	8 10
Clara R. Packard.	6 30
	$1,007 30
Appropriation,	$1,600 00
Expended,	1,007 30
Balance unexpended,	$592 70

EVENING SCHOOL.

W. L. Smith, teaching.	$141 66
W. L. Smith, postage,	1 20
E. S. Colton, Jr., teaching,	125 00
E. P. Spooner, rent,	78 75
F. G. Keith, janitor,	30 00
E. E. Kelley, gas fixtures and repairs,	24 00
Gasolene,	17 78
Lee & Shepard, grammars,	6 88
Williams & Rogers, spellers,	2 98
Supplies,	12 50
	$440 75
Appropriation,	$500 00
Expended,	440 75
Balance unexpended,	$59 25

GENERAL REPAIRS.

Keith & Thompson, inside work Nos. 6, 7, (1896)	$29 90
G. H. DeWitt, blackboard frames, High; shingles and labor, Nos. 1 and 2,	171 78
J. W. Baldwin, storm doors and double windows, Unionville and North Easton,	60 43
North Easton Jobbing Shop, shelves, tables, etc., North Easton,	24 74
E. E. Kelley, plumbing fixtures and repairs, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and High,	399 49
John Baldwin, painting, No. 7,	11 72
W. T. Packard, grading High School yard,	11 15
F. M. Currier, small repairs, No. 2,	3 50
E. W. Foster, small repairs, Nos. 2 and 9,	5 25
P. O. Hardy, painting, No. 1,	22 32
E. A. Masefield, patching slated roof, North Easton,	1 25
Robert McKean, small repairs, Union,	1 05
F. G. Keith, repairs, (material) No. 7,	13 30
H. L. Howard, staging and labor, roof of No. 1,	35 90
L. Bonney, small repairs, No. 3,	1 60
F. L. Herring, labor and materials, coal shed, No. 10,	6 91
Heath & White, Boston, and L. S. Drake, Easton, hot water heating plant, heater, radiators, circulation for South Easton, and radiators for Unionville,	389 78
	$1,190 07

Appropriation,		$1,000 00
Received from Oakes Ames Fund,		68 80
Total amount available,		$1,068 80
Overdrawn,		121 27

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

E. A. Masefield, slating roof No. 7 per contract,	$395 00
E. E. Kelley, plumbing and fixtures for laboratory,	99 20
J. F. Paul & Co., lumber,	53 85
Freight bill,	1 73
Messrs. L. Bonney, I. L. Miller, H. L. Howard, labor,	62 91
	$612 69
Appropriation,	$600 00
Overdrawn,	12 69

FURNITURE.

Oakes Ames Fund, ¼ cost art tables,		$39 50
George S. Perry, desk,		7 50
		$47 00
Appropriation,	$200 00	
Expended,	47 00	
Balance unexpended,		153 00
		$200 00

THE OAKES AMES BEQUEST.

RECEIPTS

Balance from Report, 1896,	$2,055 61
Interest on balance at 4½ per cent.,	92 50
Dividends,	3,500 00
From Town of Easton on furniture account,	39 50
" " " for ¼ cost Drawing Teacher,	50 00
From Town of Easton for ¼ cost of supplies for Penmanship and Drawing,	58 37
	$5,795 98

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of lectures,	$13 55
Magazines,	229 75
¾ Salary of Teacher of Penmanship,	487 50
Supplies for penmanship,	157 44
Salary of Teacher of Drawing,	200 00
Supplies for drawing,	76 05
Salary of Teacher of Sloyd,	400 00
Expenses of Teacher of Sloyd,	48 24
Supplies for Sloyd,	73 05
Salary of Teacher of Cookery,	186 00
Supplies for cookery,	47 71
Salary of Principal of Sewing Classes,	234 00
Salary of Assistant Teacher of Sewing,	156 60
Supplies for sewing,	16 08
Amount carried forward,	$2,125 97

Amount brought forward,	$2,125 97
Salary of Principal of the Kindergarten,	400 00
" Assistant in " "	136 50
Paid helper in the Kindergarten,	12 50
Supplies for Kindergarten,	18 00
Curtains for High School,	149 95
Supplies for No. 7 schools,	12 48
Extra compensation No. 7 teachers,	480 77
Janitor's fees and supplies,	53 57
Repairs,	118 00
	$3,707 14
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1898,	2,088 84
	$5,795 98

Presented to scholars outside of District No. 7 by Messrs. W. H. and Oakes Ames:

54 Nos. "St. Nicholas,"	$108 0

ABSTRACTS OF SCHOOL REGISTERS FOR THE YEAR 1896–7.

SCHOOL TERMS.		Whole Number.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High	Fall	88	83	78	93
	Winter	84	76	72	94
	Spring	73	72	68	94
No. 1 Grammar	Fall	38	37	32	89
	Winter	36	28	26	93
	Spring	33	32	31	97
No. 1 Primary	Fall	34	30	26	84
	Winter	33	25	21	84
	Spring	41	40	37	93
No. 2 Ungraded	Fall	35	31	28	90
	Winter	31	29	25	86
	Spring	37	32	31	97
No. 3 Ungraded	Fall	19	17	16	90
	Winter	18	13	11	85
	Spring	18	17	16	94
Union Grammar	Fall	40	39	37	95
	Winter	41	38	34	90
	Spring	40	35	31	90
Union Primary	Fall	47	45	39	87
	Winter	43	30	28	93
	Spring	52	43	40	93
No. 6, Ungraded	Fall	9	7	6	86
	Winter	8	7	6	86
	Spring	8	7	6	86
No 7, all grades below High,	Fall	494	445	417	94
	Winter	465	397	370	93
	Spring	504	456	431	94
No. 8 Grammar	Fall	36	33	31	94
	Winter	34	28	25	89
	Spring	33	30	28	93
No. 8 Primary	Fall	27	24	23	96
	Winter	24	17	14	82
	Spring	30	27	25	93
No. 9 Ungraded	Fall	48	44	41	95
	Winter	44	28	24	86
	Spring	45	43	41	95
No. 10 Ungraded	Fall	25	23	21	90
	Winter	22	16	14	89
	Spring	22	19	17	92

TABLE FOR NO. 7.

SCHOOL TERMS.	Whole Number.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
A and B Grammar:				
Fall	65	56	53	93
Winter	63	58	56	96
Spring	60	57	55	96
C Grammar:				
Fall	49	48	46	96
Winter	49	46	44	95
Spring	48	44	41	93
D Grammar:				
Fall	50	45	41	91
Winter	50	46	43	94
Spring	48	45	42	95
E Grammar:				
Fall	57	52	48	92
Winter	51	41	38	93
Spring	50	47	44	94
F Grammar:				
Fall	56	53	51	97
Winter	56	53	50	94
Spring	58	53	52	98
A Primary:				
Fall	49	44	42	95
Winter	48	46	43	94
Spring	50	47	45	95
B Primary:				
Fall	53	51	49	96
Winter	52	43	38	90
Spring	54	49	44	94
C Primary:				
Fall	40	35	33	94
Winter	39	27	25	90
Spring	42	38	36	95
D Primary:				
Fall	41	35	33	94
Winter	35	25	22	89
Spring	41	34	33	95
Kindergarten:				
Fall	34	26	21	81
Winter	22	12	11	92
Spring	53	42	39	93

NAMES OF PUPILS PRESENT EVERY HALF DAY FOR ONE TERM.

High School.

Mary Bradley.
Mary J. Carroll.
Ethel P. Clements.
Cornelius Dailey.
Edward E. Gifford.
Walter F. Holmes.
Grace H. Lowell.
M. Alice McDermott.
Clara L. Morse.
Bertha M. Pratt.
Channing Randall.
Edith M. Randall.
Charles Savary.
H. Leslie Tinkham.

No. 1, Grammar.

William Driscoll,
Alice Edwards,
Grace M. Hill.
Alfred Hurst.
Roy Hurst.
Leon Lackey.
Vernetta Lydston.
Kenneth Mitchell.
James Osgood.
Helen Sackett.
Jennie E. Wade.
Winnie E. Wade.

No. 1, Primary.

Abbie C. Benson.
Abben C. Benson.
M. Frank Buckley.
Frank P. Dean.
Susie M. Drew.
Olive Heath.
Malcolm J. Hill.
Frank C. Johnson.
Willie L. Johnson.
Horace H. Mitchell.
Lena G. Oliver.
Willie T. Oliver.
Florence L. Randall.

No. 2, Ungraded.

Ernest E. Currier.
Shirley E. Fisher.

No. 3, Ungraded.

Kenneth Hayward.
Roy Hayward.
John Hedderig.
Kate Hedderig.
Lizzie Mowatt.
Alfred Soule.
Bertha Soule.
Elmer Soule.

Union Grammar.

Fred I. Beale.
James Ervin.
Margaret Grant.
Nellie Morris.
Mary Rollins.
Edith Sisson.
Frank Wills.

Union Primary.

Maud Diamond.
Margaret Ervin.
Harry Newcomb.

No. 6, Ungraded.

Thomas Jones.
Arthur Willis.

No. 7, A and B Grammar.

Louise Canegaly.
Mary Fitzgerald.
Ruth Gilmore.
Margaret Kelley.
Margaret Murphy.
Mary O'Connor.
Alice Perry.
Bridget Riley.
Fred Savary.
May Schindler.
Nellie Slattery.
Kate Sullivan.
James Sweeney.
Florence J. Whiting.

No. 7, C Grammar.

Willie Barrett.
James Ellis.
Clarence Galligan.
Birger Holmblad.
Rosa Louzon.
Arthur Molander.
Joseph Mullen.
Nora Murphy.
John O'Connell.
Birger Pierson.
Alice Roche.
Clinton Rohdin.

No. 7, D Grammar.

Algodt Anderson.
William Conn.
John Cotter.
Arthur Dahlberg.
Guild Dana.
Leo Harlow.
Joshua Holmblad.
James Linnehan.
John McNamara.
Lloyd Morse.
John Vaughn.
May Walsh.
Ralph C. Williams.

No. 7, E Grammar.

Hannah Burke.
Dennis Carroll.
Jerry Connors.
Veronica Long.
Linwood Mason.
Frank Simpson.

No. 7, F Grammar.

Kate Dailey.
Anna Holmblad.
Daniel Kelley.
Gustin McKenna.
Cornelius Riley.
Hugh Riordan.
John Rohdin.
Annie Simpson.
Hannah Sullivan.

No. 7, A Primary.

Margaret Campion.
Lillie Conn.
Julia Cotter.
Letitia Ebbs.
Frank Holmes.
Susie Middleton.
Beulah Niklason.
Clara Olson.
Kate Riordan.
James Vaughn.

No. 7, B Primary.

Edwin Anderson.
Mary Cotter.
Cornelius Desmond.
Thomas Downey.
Hannah Johnson.
Mabel Harvey.
Ida Lundgrin.
Frank Maliff.
Fred Maliff.
Mary Malloy.
Edward McKenna.
Jesse Niklason.
Jeremiah Riordan.
Jeremiah Sullivan.
Bernie Splaine.
Alfred Swanson.
Margaret Tilden.

No. 7, C Primary.

Florence Anderson.
Jennie Boteen.
Millie Conn.
Edward Ebbs.
Annie Kelley.
John McAnar.
Harland Smith.
Frank Sundling.
Mary Vaughn.

No. 7, D Primary.

Joseph Burke.
William Clonan.
Chester Eliason.
Hilma Holm.
Field Lynch.
Madge Malloy.

No. 7, Kindergarten.

Andrew Harver.	Byron Spooner.
Lewis P. Howard.	Timothy Sullivan.
Laura Louzon.	Hilda Sundling.
Violet Rohdin.	James Tabor.

NAMES OF PUPILS PRESENT EVERY HALF DAY FOR TWO TERMS.

High School.

William Belcher, Edward J. Scanlon,
Harriet J. Nye.

No. 1, Grammar.

Annie M. Beatty, Louise H. Newton,
Carrie A. Hill.

No. 2, Ungraded.

Marion E. Currier, William Strahn,
Annie M. Diamond, Henry W. Wakeley.

Union Grammar.

Genevieve F. Beale.

Union Primary.

George Newcomb.

No. 6, Ungraded.

Vernon Willis.

No. 7, A and B Grammar.

Kate Carroll, Louise Louzon,
George Danforth, Harold Thayer,
Julia Desmond.

No. 7, C Grammar.

Hjalmar Dahlberg, Ellen Riley.

No. 7, D Grammar.

Michael Desmond.

No. 7, E Grammar.

Arthur Anderson, Marie Harlow,

No. 7, F Grammar.

Clarence Johnson, Justin Keith,
Bertram Keith, George Middleton.

No. 7, A Primary.

Annie Derby, Monica Long,
John Desmond, Edgar Rohdin,
William Litchfield, Alice Slattery.

No. 7, B Primary.

Barbary Ebbs, Josephine Middleton,
Joseph Downey.

No. 7, C Primary.

Alma Anderson, Esther Lundgren.

No. 7, D Primary.

Mary Callahan, John Harlow.

NUMBER OF PUPILS PRESENT EVERY HALF DAY FOR THREE TERMS.

High.

Jennie D. Gifford, Ethel Packard.

No. 2, Ungraded.

George Cullen, Arthur P. Regan,
Thomas Cullen, Margaret E. Regan.

Union Grammar.

Ethel Britton.

Union Primary.

Ervin Russell.

No. 7, A and B Grammar.

Alden Hall, Elmer Randall.

No. 7, D Grammar.

David Middleton.

No. 7, E Grammar.

Mary Maliff.

No. 7, F Grammar.

Josephine Louzon, Mary O'Connell.

No. 8, Grammar.

Walter Baldwin. Fred Webster.
Elton Brooks. Elmer Webster.
Harry King. Elsie K. Wells.

No. 8, Primary.

Jeanette Marshall. Lucy Marshall.
Chandler Wells.

No. 9, Ungraded.

Eva M. Beckford.
James F. Brophy.
Joanna M. Brophy.
Margaret Brophy.
Mary A. Brophy.
Alton L. Coldwell.
Arthur E. Dunn.
Mary A. Furlong.
William Furlong.
Edith M. Harvey.
Bessie F. Leonard.
Elizabeth Moran.
Bernard Nolan.
James J. Nolan.
Martin Nolan.
William Nolan.
Grace M. Phillips.
Winifred L. Smith.
Ellen Washburn.
Florence Washburn.

No. 10, Ungraded.

Helen Barry.
Mildred Gooch.
Roy Gooch.
Estelle G. MaDan.
Florence P. MaDan.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

Subject:	Reading.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Physiology.	Rhetoricals.
TIME.....	wks hrs							
Kindergarten	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
D. Primary	39 6 1 2	39 1 1-2	39 5	39 2	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1
C. Primary	39 6 3-4	39 1	39 5	39 2	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1 1-4
B. Primary	39 5	39 2 1-2	39 5	39 3	39 1-2	39 1-3	39 1-3	39 1
A. Primary.....	39 5	39 1 1-4	39 5	39 2	39 1	39 1	39 3-4	39 1
F. Grammar.....	39 3	39 2 1-2	39 5	39 2 1-2	39 2	39 2	39 1	39 2-3
E. Grammar	39 3	39 2	39 5	39 3	39 3	39 2	39 3-4	39 3-4
D. Grammar	39 2 1-2	39 1 1-2	39 5	39 2 1-2	39 3	39 2	39 1	39 1
C. Grammar.....	39 2	39 2	39 3	39 3	39 3	39 2	39 1	39 1 1-2
B. Grammar.....	39 1	39 1	39 2 1-2	39 2	39 2	39 2	39 1	39 1
A. Grammar.....	39 1 2	39 1 2	39 1 1-2	39 2 1-2	.....	39 2	39 1	39 1

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SCHEDULE OF WORK

Subject:	Algebra.	Geometry.	Physiology.	English.	Latin.	French.	History.	English Literature.	Shakespeare.	Am. Literature.	Rhetoric.	Botany.	Geology.
TIME.....	wks hrs												
First Year	39 3 3-4	.....	17 3	22 3	39 3 3-4	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Second Year...	.....	39 3	....	....	39 3 3-4	.....	....	12 3	....	27 3	23 3 3 4	16 3 3-4	.....
Third Year....	.....	.....	....	....	39 3 3-4	.....	39 3	15 3	24 3	....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Year...	.....	....	....	....	27 3 3-4	39 3 3-4	....	....	....	....	.....	....	15 3 3 4

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IN COMMON SCHOOLS, 1896-7.

Algebra.	Civics.	Music.	Gymnastics.	*Games.	*Gifts.	*Occupations.	*Writing.	*Book-Keeping.	*Drawing.	*Sloyd.	*Sewing.	*Cooking.
		wks hrs										
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39 1	39 1 1-2	39 1 1-2	39 3 4	.....	.....	.....	39 1	39 1 1-2	39 1	39 2	39 1	39 2

IN HIGH SCHOOL, 1896-7.

Astronomy.	Physics.	Chemistry.	Civil Government.	Political Economy.	Psychology.	Music.	Rhetoricals.	*Spelling, (Business Vocab.)	*Commercial Law.	*Com. Arithmetic.	*Drawing.	*Writing.	*Book-Keeping.
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